ISLAMABAD (R) — A Pakistani Islamic party on Tuesday denied a charge by Uzbekistan that it was fomenting unrest in Central Asia and complained of a worldwide campaign to defame Muslims. "There is not an iota of truth in this," Jamaat-c-tslami chief Qazi Hussain Ahmad said of the charge. Uzbek Foreign Minister Sadyk Safaev said in Tashkent on Monday the hardline Jamaat-e-Islami was supporting Islamic rebels in the neighbouring Republic of Tajikistan, which has been torn by civil strife for neighbouring Republic of Tajikistan, which has been torn by civil strife for almost a year. "Ours is a political party working within Pakistan's legal and constitutional limits," Mr. Ahmed said in a telephone interview from Lahore. "We are not a militant party nor do we have means to provide military training or arms." He said the Jamaat had only issued an appeal to Pakistanis to provide relief such as food and clothes for Tajik refugees who had fied to Afghanistan because of strife in their country. "Nothing beyond that has happened," he said. The Jamaat made the appeal because Afghanistan was devastated by the years of war and needed help to look Afghanistan was devastated by t4 years of war and needed help to look after the refugees, he said. Uzbekistan is increasingly worried by the prospect of the Tajik unrest spreading.

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AMMAN (Petra) - All ministries, government departments and public institutions will be closed from Monday, March 22, till Friday March 26, a communi-que issued Tuesday by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Sbaker said. The closure will came in observance of the 'Eid Al Fitr feast marking the end of the holy Month of Ramadan. The Eid starts either Tuesday or Wednes-

Qadhafi protests killing of Bosnians

CAIRO (AP) - Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi on Tuesday summoned the ambassador of former Yugoslavia and told him that the killing of Muslim women and children in Bosnia-Herzegovina should stop. Libya's official news agency JANA said Colonel Qadhafi gave the eovoy a protest letter to deliver to his government. "The world's conscience cannot bear the continuous ... killing of children, old people and women and the expulsion of civilians in bad weather conditions so they are forced to walk long distances on snow," Co!. Qadhafi said in the message. He called for a quick end to "this unique tragedy in human history." Col. Qadhafi said Libya wants to play a role in ending the strife in former Yugoslavia and asked the warring parties to ex-plain the roots of the conflict.

U.S. Marines kill Somali in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU (R) — U.S. Marines shot dead a Somali who had shot and wounded a Marine in a busy market in central Moga-dishu Tuesday, the U.S. military said. The Marines, on patrol through the Bakara market, saw two Somali men apparently test firing Kalashnikov rifles, which are still on sale under the counter in Mogadishu despite attempts to *! The Somalis opened fire and the Marines chased them. One Somali dropped his rifle and escaped but the other man crouched behind a tool shed, aimed his rifle at the Marines and fired one shot, wounding the Marine in the left shoulder. "The Marines opened fire and killed the Somali," a U.S. military statement said.

Sudanese protest at closure of college

CAIRO (R) — Student protesters have clashed with police in Khartoum over the Sudanese government's takeover of a branch of Cairo university, Egyptian staff returning from Sudan said Tuesday. Amr Maqlid, an administrator at the university, told reporters at Cairo airport that the students had shouted slogans against Sudan's government and demanded the return of Egyptian supervision of the col-

Turkey: Russia may threaten neighbours

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel warned in an interview published Tuesday that Russia could threaten its newly independent neighbours and urged the United States to continue to play an active world role. In a notably frank outline of Turkey's strategic preoccupations, Mr. Demirel said the conflict between liberal and nationalist ideas lay at the root of instability in Russia and republics which won freedom from the former Soviet Union. "Will the Russian Federation ... give up the Caucasus, Central Asia, Ukraine and the Baltic Republics? Or is its mind still fixed on these areas? If it is, then there is a big problem," he told the English-language Turkish

20 indicted in **Turkish murders**

Daily News.

ISTANBUL (R) — The public prosecutor demanded death sentences Tuesday for two Islamic radicals accused of murdering journalists and attempting to subvert Turkey's constitution by force. The prosecutor also asked the state security court to pass prison sentences of 10 to 15 years on 18 other Muslim fundamentalists for forming an illegal organisation, complicity in murder and armed robberies.

Israeli soldiers, settlers kill 2,

wound over 70

(Agencies) — Israeli troops and settlers shot dead two Palestioians and wounded over 70 Tuesday, the heaviest casualties for three months.

Police Minister Moshe Sbahal, reacting to a surge in Palestinian attacks, vowed revenge for every Israeli killed by an Arab.

Soldiers in the Gazan refugee camp of Khan Younis killed a 13-year-old Palestinian youth and wounded at least 70 other Arabs during clashes, hospital officials Jewish settlers weot oo a ram-

page through at least two villages in the occupied West Bank, smashing cars to avenge the death of two settlers in a hit-and-run accident, Arab reports said. Tuesday's shootings were the

latest in a violent opsurge that has claimed the lives of six Israelis and eight Palestinians in the last two weeks. Extra soldiers and police were

contain the unrest, Israel radio accident. reported. It said the decision was

- Palestimans expressed dismay

and disappointment with Presi-

ing him of pro-Israeh bias and

to bring them back to Middle

Chief Palestinian peace talks

spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi,

commenting on Monday's meeting in Washington between Mr.

Clinton and Israeli Prime Minis-

ter Yitzhak Rabin, accused the

pair of ignoring the Israeli expul-sion of Palestinians that is thre-

atening to undermine the nego-

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO) officials in Tunis ex-

pressed disappointment, saying

Mr. Clinton had come up with

nothing that would enable

Palestinian delegates to accept an

invitation to return to the nego-

tiating table in Washington on

Palestinian groups in Damas-

cus urged outright withdrawal

Hundreds of Palestinian exiles,

languishing in South Lebanon for

nearly three months, flatly re-

fused to believe that the two men

April 20.

from the talks.

East peace talks.

dent Bill Clinton Tuesday, accus-

security officials Tuesday morn-

Reports said Jewish settlers shot and killed Nasser Ali Abu Eisheh, 22, of the West Bank's Nur Shams refugee camp Monday night.

Salma Thabet, the wife of Palestinian peace negotiator Thabet Thabet, said her husband found Abu Eisheh's body as he drove home to Tulkarem, Sbe said Mr. Thabet was attacked by the settlers after he got out of his to see if the man was alive. "They heat him up and smashed his car windows," Mrs.

Thabet told the Associated Press. West Bank police spokesman Yosef Fares said police were investigating the death. The Israeli Itim news agency said settlers found Abu Eisheh's body and

alerted soldiers who took it away. On Monday a minibus driven by a Palestinian hit and killed two Israelis near a Jewish settlement. to be deployed around the coun- Settlers called it an attack but the try and the occupied territories to army said it may have been an

Settlers, who fear current Mid-

Palestinians disappointed over outcome of Clinton-Rabin talks

"I thought at least they would

address the obstacles," Dr.

Mr. Clinton wants to resume

April 20, in protest at Israel's

Dec. 17 expulsion of 415 Palesti-

Mr. Rabin in Washington they

had not even discussed expulsions

Mr. Clinton said after meeting

"It is obvious that they are

trying to shove the deportee issue

aside and concentrate on other

"It is not enough just to say they hope the Palestinians will come back," she told Reuters.

There are some ingredients to

The Palestinians want a

guarantee that Israel will not in

future resort to expulsions - a

punishment the United States has

acknowledged is a violation of

In Tunis, PLO Executive Com-

mittee member and spokesman

Yasser Abed Rabbo said the

PLO hoped the United States

The Rabin-Clinton meeting

would show more balance.

the peace process that are still

things," Dr. Ashrawi said.

Ashrawi told Reuters.

nians to Lebanon.

(see separate story).

withdrawal from occupied Arab tand, protested outside the prime minister's house Monday night as part of a campaign to bring down his government.

Aoother Palestinian died when soldiers opened fire on stonethrowers after a curfew was lifted in Khan Younis in the occupied Gaza Strip Tuesday, Israel Radio and Arab reports said. He was identified as Saeed Ali Salmi, 13.

The clashes occurred while prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was in Washington to discuss the U.S.-borkered Middle East peace talks with President Bill Clinton.

Mr. Shahal, under pressure to quell a rise in Arab attacks on Israelis, said all police leave was cancelled and shifts had been extended to 12 hours.

"We mourn the death of every (Israeli) victim and we will avenge the death of each and every one," Mr. Shahal said. "But one answer we have. The

answer is first of all In the morale of the citizens, we'll not allow the

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bave been lost, and this adds a

new complication and puts the

member, Soleiman Najjar, said:

"We do not consider there is

anything in Clinton's statement

that could help remove the obsta-

cles and permit us to take part at

the next round of the negotia-

George Habash, the Popular

Front for the Liberation of Pales-

tine (PFLP) leader, said in

Damascus that Mr. Clinton's

statements "constituted a new

member alliance opposed to the

talks, nrged Palestinians to pull

out and escalate the five-year-old

revolt against Israeli rule in the

refer the Palestinian problem to

Washington has said it stands by a January U.S.-Israeli deal

under which Israel agreed to re-

turn a quarter of the expellees

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"We urge Palestinians to poll

occupied territories.

the United Nations."

Dr. Habash, who heads a 10-

obstacle to the peace process."

Palestinians have refused to whole peace process in big dan-

return to the peace talks, which ger," he told Renters.

Rabin cuts short U.S. visit after offering partial Golan pullout Clinton's first personal intervention in Mideast diplomacy pro-

CAIRO BLAST: Security Forces keep tourists Museum Tuesday after a bomb exploded under-away from their damaged coaches outside Cairo neath one of the vehicles (see story below)

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin decided Tuesday to shorten his visit to the United States pull back on the Golan Heights and to return to Israel Thursday to deal with spreading violence in the occupied Gaza Strip. Mr. Rabin had planned to re-

main until Sonday. But a violent upsurge in Gaza has claimed the lives of six Israelis and eight Palestinians. Gad Ben Ari, the prime minis-

See page 5 for transcript of Monday's press conference held by U.S. President Bill Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

ter's spokesman, said, in light of the violence Mr. Rabin had decided to cut short his visit after important meetings in Washington and in New York. Mr. Rabin was having another meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher later Tuesday.

He was supposed to go to Mississippi Friday and due to be the chief speaker at a convention of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee in Washington Sunday before flying home.

On Monday, President Bill

duced an offer by Mr. Rabin to - if Syria provides the right Mr. Clinton offered assurances

after he met Mr. Rabin that he would ask Congress to keep aid to Israel steady at \$3 billion a year, and he promised to maintain Israel's military edge over the Arabs.

Mr. Clinton also acted to strengthen ties in science and technology with Israel and, significantly, backed Israel's demand for full peace with the Arabs. He said full peace includes diplomatic relations, open borders, commerce and tourism.

Mr. Rabin, interviewed Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America," reiterated a willingness to negotiate.

Asked about a possible negotiated withdrawal from the Golan Heights, Mr. Rabin offered no details, but said Israel "accepts the principle that peace can be achieved by compromises, com-promises by both sides... our porpose is to achieve peace and

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Gunmen kill former Algerian minister

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Gunmen killed former Algerian Education Minister Djilali Liabes Tuesday as he left his home in a Muslim fundamentalist bastion in Algiers, the official news agency APS said.

The authorities later Tuesday denied that a serving minister had

Quoting "an authorised sources," Algiers Radio said Sports Minister Abdul Kader Khamri had not died in an attack "Contrary to what Reuters re-

ported today the youth and sports minister was not the victim of an attack according to an authorised source," the radio said.

A spokesman for the national gendarmerie earlier told Reuters that Mr. Khamri had been killed Mr. Liabes, 43, was killed when

he was hit by three bullets in the head in Ben Omar near Kouba, a teeming residential area set on a hill near the city centre, the agency said quoting witnesses. He was the highest ranking

offical to be killed since Head of State Mohammad Boudiaf was assassinated last June, and was the second senior man to be shot in two days in the same suburb. • "The attack was carried out

around 9:15 a.m. (0915 GMT) by three individuals," the agency Mr. Liabes was shot by three #

gunmen who fled. APS said. The 🕒 gunmen shot him three times in n the head, witnesses said.

Ben Omar is in southeast of Algiers near Kouba, a stronghold n for Muslim fundamentalists who have been tightly suppressed by the military-backed government r for more than a year.

Mr. Liabes, who left gove ment last July to head the National Institute of Strategic Global n Studies, was among intellectuals known to be sympathetic with the army-backed committee running 5 the country and against the fundamentalists.

He was recently named head of the "Group of Experts 2015," 0 which was to have drawn up a e

study on Algeria's future. Mr. Liabes' murder was the e second attack on a politically g prominent intellectual in three

2 more suspects sought in New York bombing

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Two more suspects, including an Egyptian taxi driver, are being out of all talks with Israel and to sought in connection with the bombing of the World Trade Centre last month, according to a

source close to the investigation. The source, who spoke on condition he not be identified, told Reuters the men were tied to a Muslim group that investigators believe was responsible for the

Feb. 26 bombing, which killed six and wounded more than 1,000. More than two weeks after the bomb ripped through the basement of the centre, authorities recovered a sixth body in the ruddle Monday.

The victim was identified as Wilfredo Mercado, 37, a building worker who was last seen in the basement parking area where the bomb exploded. The first five victims were found within hours of the explosion at the 110-storey twin towers.

Specially trained dogs had gone into the blast area eight times over the weekend searching for Mercado, a Peruvian immigrant who was an employee of the centre's Vista Hotel.

Workers searching the debris in the underground parking garage first saw a boot sticking out of the debris, and then dug up the body, said Mark Marchese, spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the complex.

Thousands of tonnes of rubble sit at the bottom of the huge bomb crater. The debris was

being removed slowly, in sho- has U.S. residency, but some ebox size containers, so federal associates said they have not seen agents could check it for clues. him in the past year. Two people — Mobammad Salameh and Nidal Ayyad —

have been arrested in connection

dismisses

manoeuvres

DAMASCUS (AP) — The state-

run press Tuesday dismissed as

"manoeuvres" Yitzhak Rabin's

statement that Israel is ready for

a compromise deal with Syria to

relinquish part of the Golan

The English-language Syria

Times said Damascus would con-

tinue to press for a comprehen-

sive deal involving all the parties

in Middle East peace talks - not

'It is peace for all or not," the

"Rabin's manoeuvres are no

more than a leap into the air,

because the Syrian strategy is a

longstanding one within which the Palestinian cause occupies a

focal point," the Syrian Times

a separate peace with Israel.

daily wrote.

Rabin's

with the bombing investigation. There had been speculation earlier in the investigation that one or more of the bombers might have died in the explosion, but police have never confirmed

One of those being sought was identified by the Daily News newspaper as an Egyptian cab driver in New York. Police confirmed his identity to Reuters but stressed that he was not being

charged with involvement in the crime.

The man lived in Brooklyn and

him in the past year. Both men being sought arc

believed linked to a Muslim group that follows Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, an Egyptian cieric who has called for the overthrow of the Egyptian government.

Followers of Sheikh Abdul Rahman in Egypt are charged by police with involvement in violent attacks that have killed nearly 100 people in the past year.

U.S. followers of Sheikh Abdul Rahman, who lives in exile in Jersey City, New Jersey, told Reuters Sunday that their group has been under surveillance since.

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says split is permanent "I am one of those who strove to unite the north and south in the 1960s. We tried it, and it did

Former Somalia premier

international law.

ADDIS ABABA (R) — A former Somali prime minister and respected nationalist politician said Tuesday the north and sooth of the shattered Horn of Africa country could not be reunited. Mohammad Haji Ibrahim Egal told a U.N.-sponsored national

Somalia it had no mandate to discuss the situation in the breakaway Somaliland republic. "Now we have to accept the fact that Somaliland is a separate nation and the south should con-

reconciliation conference on

centrate on solving its own problems," he was quoted by dele-gates as telling the conference. Somaliland declared independence from the rest of Somalia following the borders of former British Somaliland shortly after rebels drove dictator Mohammad

Siad Barre from power in January The north, dominated by the Somali National Movement (SNM), has been spared much of the class bloodletting that has destroyed the south. But no other Somali group and no foreign gov-

ernment recognised its independ-Mr. Egal, one of Somaliland's top politicians, became prime minister of all of Somalia after Italy granted independence to the south in 1960,

not work," he said.

SNM rebels fought Mr. Siad Barre from 1982 to 1991. Northern cities were bombed flat by Siad Barre's Soviet-made MiGs. The reconciliation conference in Addis Ababa, capital of neigh-

cast gathering of its type since Mr. Siad Barre was overthrown. It brings together more than 200 feuding warlords, clan elders, religious leaders, and independent Somalis.

The U.N., strongly supported by Washington, is pushing for agreement on the creation of regional administrations which would be responsible for policing and basic amenities in their re-

Washington is keen for an accord before it hands over to the U.N. leadersbip of a multinational force protecting famine relief supplies from civil war loot-

U.N. Secretary-General Bontros Ghali has proposed May 1 for the handover. The Security Council has not yet agreed on a mandate for a U.N. operation. Both the U.N. and the United

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Iran rebel official shot dead in Rome ROME (Agencies) - An Iranian

opposition leader was shot to death in Rome Tuesday in what the Foreign Ministry called a "vile attack," blamed by his supbouring Ethiopia, is the broadporters on Iran's Islamic govern-Mohammad Hussein Naghdi

the representative in Italy of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, was shot twice with an automatic weapon by a man riding on the back of a motorbike.

Mr. Naghdi's group immediately accused Italy of providing insufficient police protection and urged the Italian government to ask the U.N. Security Council

to punish Tehran. The Iranian embassy denied any government involvement in the assassination. Iran's state run Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), in a brief report on the killing, said "observers" in Iran believe Mr. Naghdi was probably the victim of disputes among

opposition groups. The assassination was the lates m a series of killings of opponents of the Islamic government in

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Bomb explodes outside Cairo museum; no-one hurt CAIRO (Agencies) — A bomb more than 15. The dead were a damaged five tourist buses out-side the Egyptian museum in central Cairo Tuesday in what appeared to be a new attack by

injure people.

throw the government. Police sources said the bomb caused no casualties. Reuter correspondent John

West reported from the scene that the explosion shattered windows in five buses parked outside the museum, which houses the world's finest collection of pharaonic treasures including the gold funeral mask of King Tutankha-

Muslim militants fighting to over-

The bomb had been planted in or under the luggage compartment of one of the buses. Police sources said it blew a hole 25 centimetres deep in the asphalt of the parking lot. It was the second blast on

Tahrir Square this year. On Feb. 26, a bomb that exploded in a coffee shop across the square. killed three people and wounded

Swede, a Turk and an Egyptian, and two Americans, a Canadian and a Frenchman were among the wounded. The coffee-shop bombing was

blamed on Muslim extremists. Unlike the coffee-shop bomb, the device that exploded Tuesday did not appear to have contained nails or other projectiles meant to

Most tourists leaving the museum stopped to look at the damaged bus and take pictures of

Dozens of black-uniformed policemen cordoned it off after the explosion. Riot police wearing helmets and armed with rifles and sticks followed on the scene to keep curious onlookers away.

The government's Middle East News Agency said security officials searched in and under nearby buses but found no other explosive devices.

No group immediately claimed responsibility and an Interior

Ministry statement on the blast made no accusations. But the bomb matched a pattern of attacks by Muslim militants which have devastated the country's vit-

al tourist industry since last July.

The militants of Al Gama'a Al Islamiya (Islamic Group) are fighting to overthrow the government and turn Egypt into a purist Islamic state.

People in Tahrir Square out-side the museum panicked and ran when the bomb exploded at about 1 p.m., shortly before the afternoon rush hour.

"We were inside the museum when we heard a bang. We came out and there was a lot of smoke," tourist James O'Neill from Dundee, Scotland, told Reuters. "Everyone was running towards the buses."

A diplomat who rushed to the scene from the nearby headquarters of the Arab League said: "It was a small thing. It caused panic among the people and a big noise but no casualties."

Visitors to the museum, which stayed open despite the attack, included 172 Canadian navy servicemen on leave after protecting famine relief operations in Soma-

Gama'a militants shot dead a British woman in their most serious attack on tourists, an ambush on a bus near the southern Egyptian town of Davrut in October, and they injured five Germans when they shot at another bus in the town of Qena.

But a series of gun and homb attacks on buses since then in Upper Egypt and Catro has caused no casualties and the Gama'a said its aim is to undermine the government by damaging the tourist industry, not to hurt tourists.

Egyptian security forces have cracked down with increasing force on the group, led by a blind preacher in New York whose alleged followers have been im-

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In Iraq, U.N. weapons inspectors dig in for long haul

By Dilip Ganguly The Associated Press BAGHDAD - U.N. weapons inspectors are convinced Iraq

is hiding powerful weapons for some future mischief and are bigging in for a long stay, determined to outwit Iraqi. The U.N. special commission has uncovered and destroyed vast amounts of war

material since it began tracking down lrag's weapons of mass destruction under the terms of the 1991 Gulf war ceasefire. But the inspectors believe that with each success, Iraqi concealment efforts increase.

This, coupled with a decrease

in intelligence tip-offs, has only intensified the inspectors' cat and mouse game with Iraq. Although no hallistie missiles have been found for almost a year, the inspectors believe scores of Soviet made Scud-B missiles and their Iraqimade variants remain hidden.

many as 200 remain. There has also been little news of lrag's nuclear prog-

U.S. intelligence estimates as

Patrice Palanque of France led his missile team on a surprise swoop outside Baghdad in Fehruary because he had "absolutely solid evidence" that Scuds were hidden there. An eight-hour air and land

search yielded nothing. Mr. Palanque told the Associated Press he has no doubt there are missiles out there. There are also nagging suspicions that enriched uranium, needed for nuclear weapons, and other material has been stashed away. Iraq denies it is concealing

"The U.N. goes every-

By Paul Alexander The Associated Press

MOGADISHU - Specialist Lisa Pettit sat on the sun-drenched

balcony, surrounded by rapt Somali children who eagerly awa-ited the next homemade flash

- Their weekly two hour class

. was under way, and it was ob-

vious this was no chore for kids

who had not seen a textbook in

Ms. Pettil is among a group of

Saturday mornings to teach math

centre 53, across the road from

army staff who volunteer their

and English at a school with no

name. It is located at feeding

the compound that houses the

headquarters of Operation Res-

who runs the centre for the Red

Cross and Swedish church relief.

As their nutrition improved,

"their parents asked us to give

them an education. The food they

get is still not enough, but the children are the future, and

teaching them is what we have to

about six months. A month ago.

the Americans were asked to help. Members of the 593rd army

support group, several of whom

had never been outside the heavi-

ly-guarded military centre, re-

What started then as three clas-

The school has been operating

The children were just skeletons when they got here," said Abdi Kadir Hassan Gelle,

card.

tore Hope.

where," said Husam Mohammad Amin, who heads the Iraqi team assigned to the inspectors. "But they're finding nothing because we have no-

thing to hide."
The United Nations is pressing Baghdad to accept a longterm monitoring plan designed to prevent it from rehuilding its war machine. But the Iraqis want the teams gone for good, as quickly as possible.

Pierce Corden, the commission's American deputy chairman, said "the bottom line is that we can't be sure Iraq won't emhark on a new weapons programme" if U.N. monitoring ceases.
"We all understand it's

ing to be a long hanl," said Kevin St. Louis, an American who is one of the commission's field officers. "We're getting ready for it."

Despite handing over piles of documents, Baghdad has still not identified suppliers for its weapons programmes or the foreign scientists believed to have played a key role in the

nuclear programme.
The U.N. officials say that until they get their hands on that data Baghdad has no hope of having the Security Council lift the economic sanctions it imposed on Iraq in August

Baghdad's record of deception also convinces the inspectors that it cannot be trusted. Iraq originally declared only 52 Soviet-built Scud-B missiles or their Iraqi-made variants. The inspectors forced Baghdad to admit it had another 89.

These have been destroyed. The Iraqis initially claimed they had only 20 fixed-missile

Soldiers hit the classroom to

teach English, math in Somalia

1991 war. The U.N. teams discovered five more. Iraq said it had only six mobile launchers, but 13 were found.

Baghdad said it had 53 conventional and chemical missile warheads. The inspectors uncovered 135. Three of Iraq's so called

superguns, massive artillery pieces supposedly capable of firing shells hundreds of kilometres, have also been des-

Some 150,000 chemical munitions have been "pinpointed and are being destroyed. Iraq's biological weapons programme has been arrested.

The \$1 billion complex at Muthanna, 100 kilometres

northwest of Baghdad, which was Irag's main chemical weapons factory, is being systematically dismantled. The inspectors feel that Iraq's nuclear weapons prog-ramme has been seriously de-

pleted with the recent demoli-tion of the Al Atheer facility south of Baghdad, the programme's technical core. But they believe Iraq is still capable of reviving the prog-

"You can store the knowledge of how to make a ouclear weapon in your brain or in a computer," said Dimitri Perri-cos, a nuclear expert who has completed 10 missions in Iraq. Since we can't take away Iraqi brains, the only way to stop them from starting afresh is to block the supply of compo-

"So, until we have a com-plete list of their suppliers to help us block them, we can't certify that everything has been done that can be done."



MODELLING: The wax figure of Iraqi President Tussaud's exhibition in London Tuesday before Saddam Hussein gets the final touches at Madame being placed in the main hall (AFP photo)

Rabin and Clinton offer nothing new to Palestinians

By Alan Elsuer

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabio Monday offered absolutely nothing to Palestinians that might help persuade them to resume stal-led Middle East peace talks next month.

Palestinians and other Arabs had hoped Mr. Rabin would unveil some concession on the issue of the 415 residents of the occupied territories be expelled to South Lebanon in December - the incideot which caused the peace talks to be suspended.

But Mr. Clinton said the issue did not even come np. "No, we did not discuss that. As far as I'm concerned, the secretary of state and the prime minister reached an agreement on that, and I think that is the framework withio which we are proceeding," he

The message to the Palestinians was stark and unmistakable: The days of former Presideot George Bush when Israel and the United States were at odds are over. They now face a tough choice of returning to the talks under Israel's terms or not at all.

The signal was that the deportee issue is secondary. If the Palestinians were looking for some public concession on which they could peg a decision to resume peace talks they didn't get it," said Robert Satloff of the Washington Insti-tute for Near East Policy.

The United States and Russia last week invited the parties to resume negotiations in Washington oext April 20. The three Arab states involved — Syria, Jordan and Lebanon are ready to attend, U.S. offi-cials say. But Palestinians are still pressing for concessions on the issue, principally an Israeli commitment not to resort to

expulsion again in future. Arab foreign ministers are to meet in Damascus next March 28 to decide their next move. The Palestioians risk isolation and may come under pressure either to attend the talks or let the negotiations go forward without them.

NEWS ANALYSIS

The symbolism of the Clinton-Rabin meeting was significant for other reasons as well. Mr. Clinton clearly came down on Israel's side in its debate with Syria over the aim of the negotiations and seemed to commit Washington to preserve U.S. aid to the Jewish state at its current 3 billion a

"The administration is sunporting a request for maiotaining the levels for fiscal year 1994 and the president made it clear that we would make our best efforts to maintain those levels beyond those years," a senior White House official

If there were peace aid could even increase, he said. "If there is indeed a breakthrough to peace in the region

that would transform the environment and there is a sense in which the United States would then be prepared to help compensate Israel for risks it would take to make peace," the official said.

On Israeli-Syrian peace, Mr. Clinton said it must iovolve full normalisation, diplomatic relations, open borders, commerce, tourism, the human bonds that are both the fruits and the best guarantee of peace. And Israel's security inust be assured."

The Rabin government had said it would be willing to negotiate withdrawal from at least part of the occupied Golan Heights with Syria but only after Damascus committed itself to full peace, the kind of peace ootlined by Mr.

Syria said it will discuss the nature of peace only after Israel has committed itself to full withdrawal.

Bilaterally, the meeting was full of other good things for Israel - increased strategic cooperation, joint science and technology projects and a U.S. pledge to maintain its military advantage over any possible combination of Arab enemies.

Mr. Rabin's opening words in his news cooference were not just a standard statement of thanks. They described the situation.

"President Clinton," he said, "in just a few days I will return to Israel, but I know, and will tell everyooe in my country, Israel has a friend in the White House."

several retired generals and fore-

Turkish newspapers claimed re-sponsibility for the Istanbul

attacks in the name of the Tur-

kish Workers Peasants Liberation

Army (TIKKO), TIKKO, a pro-Chinese left-wing group, claimed responsibil-

ity for a series of recent bombings

Monday said Turkey would take

measures to prevent bloodshed during the Nowrouz festival,

which falls this coming weekend.

killed in violence during last year's Nowrouz festival in the

southeast, where the outlawed Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) has

been carrying out a nine year campaign for Kurdish independ-

died in Turkey since the begin-

ning of the PKK's guerrilla war.

More than 5,500 people have

More than 100 people were

Interior Minister Ismet Sezgin

and bank robberies.

Anonymous phone callers to

ign nationals in recent years.

Iran rebel official killed in Rome

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Swiss police blamed Iran for Mr. Naghdi, 42, had just left that killing of Kazem Rajavi, the his home for work when the elder brother of Mujahedeen assailant fired at him with an leader Massoud Rajavi. automatic weapon, news reports

In his telegram, Mr. Rajavi
said. The driver of Mr. Naghdi's said Mr. Naghdi told him recently car managed to drive the IOO that Italian police had expressed

metres to the group's office, said concerns about threats against police spokesman Antonio Vec. Mr. Naghdi's life. The most recent killing of an He said police, who searched opponent of Iran's theocraticative streets in the Montesacro style of government was the cartesidential section northeast of bomb slaying earlier this year of residential section portheast of bomb slaying earlier this year of the centre, had no suspects. The Turkish journalist Ugur Mumcu, Italian news agency AGI said an outspoken critic of Islamic Police found the murder weapon fundamentalism. Turkish authoran Israeli made Uzi sub- ities said the killers had links with

machinegun — in a trash contain- Iran. er a short distance from the site of the shooting.

Two Turks who were alleged to have closely cooperated with Iran the shooting.

The National Council of Rewere implicated in the abduction, sistance of Iran is a collection of torture and slaying of Mujahe-groups dominated by the leading deen member Ali Akhar Ghorbaarmed organisation opposing the ni near Istanbul last year.

Iranian government, the The slain man's Italian secretary, IVA Monciatti, told repor-Mr. Naghdi, who as Iran's ters he knew he was on an Iranian charge d'affaires headed the government "hit list," She gave Rome embassy after the 1979 no details.

Islamic revolution, had used his Mr. Nagdi's small blue car lay contacts in Italy to enlist some abandoned outside his office after support for the organisation in the murder, with the passenger beat covered in blood and glass He had been pushing to win fragments. The car's Italian drivapproval of a bill that would seek er escaped unhurt.

to get Italy to try to block any The attack occurred on a busy efforts by Tehran to provoke tree-lined thoroughfare. Two regional tensioo and to support shell cases were lying on the democracy and human rights in tarmac in an area taped off by

In a telegram to Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro and Premier Giuliano Amato, the The two gunmen — said 10—have been of "Middle Eastern appearance" according to first president of the council con- accounts - disappeared in rush tended Mr. Naghdi was assassin-ated by "terrorists dispatched to Rome police handed Mr. Nagated by "terrorists dispatched to Rome police handed Mr. Nag-Rome by the religious terrorist di's killing over to anti-terrorist

experts, saying it was "clearly a dictatorship ruling Iran." experts, saying Taking advantage of diplomapolitical crime. tie facilities and immunity, diplo-mat terrorists dispatched by (Ira-the latest act io the bloody war man President Hashemi) Rafsan- that has seen dozens of the Isla-

jani's regime shed the blood of Mr. mie Republic's exiled opponents Naghdi in Rome, demonstrating killed in various European cities their inconceivable impudence since the 1979 revolution, The most prominent was Shaand sinister nature," council President Massoud Rajavi said in pour Bakhtiar, the last prime the telegram from Paris.

minister of the monarch overMr. Rajavi urged Italy to shut thrown in 1978. He was stabbed down the Tehran government's to death outside Paris in August

'nest of Terror and espionage 1991 even though his home was and to prosecute and punish under police protection. Mr. Nagdi was the first Iranian those involved io this crime," The Foreign Ministry, in a killed in Rome since a mysterious statement, condemned the assas- attack on an Arab diplomat in sination and said every effort October 1984 in which the diplo-would be made to find the killers. mat's Iranian companion was This vile attack cannot cootri- shot dead. Italy is one of postbute in any way to the political revolutionary Iran's main busicause that its authors wanted it to ness partners.

Police guarded Mr. Nagdi's Mr. Naghdi had been assigned 'house and a squad car was parked police protection in Italy after the outside his office, but his assas-1990 assassination of another sins ambushed him while he was opposition official io Switzerland, travelling between the two with-the news agency ANSA said. out a police escort.

Syria dismisses Rabin's 'manoeuvres (Continued from page I)

It said that gaining for the Palestinians the Israeli-occupied about making its role as a full West Bank and Gaza Strip, and partner a success, it should halt securing Israel's evacuation from its blind bias towards Israel and getting back the Golan for Syria.

serve," it said.

Mujahedeen-e-Khalq.

States for pro-Israeli bias.

South Lebanon, "are on the same free itself from overwhelming level on the Syrian scale" as Israeli restrictions," it wrote. It said in an editorial that

Another government-run Israel's rulers want to make the newspaper, the Arabic-language United States "a docile tool in Tishrio, criticised the United their hands to accomplish their expansionist aims?

Bomb

on the World Trade Centre. Twenty three people were kil-led a week ago when police apartments in Cairo.

speedboats and three helicopters spent 11 hours on Monday sweep-ing through an island in the Nile 300 kilometres south of Cairo where eight militant leaders were believed to be based. But police could not say the men had been captured.

Somalia

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stormed a mosque crowded with militants in the southern tourist town of Aswan and raided eight

A force of 830 police with

Farther south in Aswan, security sources said militants had hit back for the storming of the mosque with at least three bomb attacks on police and the fire brigade.

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States hope the presence at the conference of some 200 clan elders and religious leaders in addition to the 16 main militias will dilute the influence of the warlords.

After the conference opened Monday, one of the most powerful warlords, Mohammad Farah Aideed, attacked the Americans for going beyond their mandate. Diplomats said General Aideed, who has slowly tried to turn public opinion against foreign troops, was preparing the way to accept the U.N. command.

"By attacking that current set up, he makes it easier to turn round and say he welcomes the change of command," said one conference participant.

Other Flights (Terminal 2)

ses has swelled to 500 children in nine makeshift rooms and the balcony of what once was a for-

mer general's quarters before civil war devastated much of Mogadishu. Four dusty fields adjacent to the building are home to 2.600 displaced people in makeshift

cardboard, sticks, ropes and anything else that can be scavenged. Across the road are unmarked graves for the 420 children who died here of starvation and dis-

The windows and doors of the

are squirming elbow to elbow on the handmade plywood desks and benches, having heard the

Today, Ms. Pettit is running late. As soon as she walks into the room, the 35 kids clap and laugh. She starts off with a recitation drill, with the children repeating as best they can: "One little, two little, three little, four little Somali boys," before launching into the alphabet song.

The class moves ontside, and



Soldiers serving in the multinational force in Somalia spend their time off at Mogadishn beach (AFP photo)

two story building have been stripped of their glass and frames. But the kids, ranging from about first grade age to early teens,

military vehicles roll into the complex.

Ms. Pettit sits in the centre of a circle with the flashcards, then launches into the hokey pokey

In another classroom, 10 yearold-Ahmad Hassan to try five times and get a lot of coaching from patient Captain Jose Belardo, before he correctly spells "three." His fellow students break out in applause, and Capt. Belardo deftiy hands out a candy chew as a reward.

> teacher, and he says he has developed a taste for it himself. 'We're here for a humanitarian mission, and this is a great

> opportunity to come out and do something," said Capt. Ruditski.
> "It's a lot of fun, and I get a lot out of it. You get a lot of rapport with the kids." It is hard to envision any of

> these children throwing rocks at troops, a daily hazard for the convoys and patrols. Maybe the reason is the home

> work. There is not any. There is no lesson plan, either.
> "We make it up as we go," said
> Major Jerry Bush. "The kids are like sponges. They soak it all up."

Bomb blasts throughout Turkey ANKARA (AP) — Explosive a recent series of police crack-devices and firebombs damaged downs on the underground Devover two dozen banks and several businesses to seemingly coordin-

ated attacks Monday night Teaching is in Capt. Mike Ruditski's blood. His father was a agency said.

In the mining town of Zongul-bak, northwest Turkey, unidenti-

fied assailants hurled high yield bombs at two banks, at around 8 p.m., severely wounding two, Anatolia reported.

At about the same time, firebombs were thrown at 23 places, mostly banks and insurance companies in Istanbul, the report said. The attackers also set fire to a parked streetcar.

Anatolia said a hank and an automobile gallery in the southem industrial town of Adana and another bank in Bursa, northwest Turkey, were also damaged in the bombing spree.
Police detained several sus-

pects, the agency said.

downs on the underground Dev-Sol (Revolutionary Left) urban guerrilla group. Last week, the police killed a

The bombiogs which followed

throughout Turkey, wounding top Dev-Sol leader and three eight people. Anatolia news suspected members and captured suspected members and captured more than 30 in a series of raids in Istanbul. Media reports said Syria, under pressure from Turkey to end its alleged support to extremist groups, had tipped the Turkish intelligence about Dev-Sol militants infiltrating Turkey

from its territory.

Large caches of arms, including rocket propelled grenades, were seized by the police in the raids. The crackdown on the guerrilla

group continued with the announced arrest in Ankara over the weekend of four suspects accused of planning to assassioate cabinet members and leading officials. Dev-Sol has claimed responsi-

bility for the murders of intelligence chiefs, police officials, **JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR**

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His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday hosts an Islan banquet in honour of non-commissioned officers from the Armed Forces, the Public Security and Civil Defence departments. Prince Hassan and the invitees performed Al Maghreb prayer. The Crown Prince conveyed to the audience the greetings of His

Crown Prince receives visiting Pakistani naval crew docked in Aqaba

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday received at the command of the southern region the crew of two visiting Pakistani navy ships now docked at Aqaha

In his meeting with the Pakistani servicemen, the Crown Prince stressed the close relations hinding Jordan and Pakistan and conveyed to them His Majesty King Hussein's greetings and hest wishes for the people of Pakistan of further progress and prosper-

ity.

The meeting was attended by the Pakistani amhassador in Amman, the commander of the two ships, the president of the Aqaba Region Aothority, the Aqaha dis-trict governor, the chief of staff of the land forces, the chief of staff of the Royal Air Force, the commander of the southern region and the commander of the Jordaoian Marine Force.

The commander of the two ships told Jordan Television that the three-day visit hy the two ships comes at an invitation by the Jordanian oavy commander. "We have very friendly ties between Pakistan and Jordan and the Jordanian navy commander invited us to visit, and we are very

happy to come here," he said.
"In fact, this is the first visit by any Pakistani sbips to Jordan and I am very proud that I am commanding these two ships of our first visit to Jordan. I thank you

been extended here by everyone the people, the navy and even His Majesty's inquiring about our welfare and we have had a very wonderful time," he added.

Prince Hassan delivered an ddress at the meeting in which he welcomed the Pakistani crew and commended Jordanian-

"It is a privilege for us to host you in this first visit of the senior service to Jordan," the Crown Prince said addiog, "We have established close brotherly relations in the many years of the true and tested relationship hetween our armed services, with the Pakistan army and 1 am proud to say that a twinning arrangement exists between the fourth hattalion and the 14 battalion of the Pakistani army as indeed twinning arrangements exist between two of our squadrons of the Pakistan air force and the Jordanian Air Force, the sixth and the

"But this is the first navy visit in difficult times for the umma (the Islamie Nation). It is reassurlog for us to feel that our brethren in Asia and hrethren in Islam and (faith) give us the opportunity of receiving them in the Holy Month of Ramadan, and in particular in the last few days of Lailat Al Qadr and in deed Al Jum'a Al Yateema or Jum'at Al Widaa (the last Friday of Ramadan) as it "is called in Pákistao," Prince Hasfor the hospitality that we have san said.

A decision adopted by the First House speaker discusses

Abdul Latif Arahiyat Tuesday praised Canada's role in advancing the cause of peace and called on the Canadian government to play a major role in enhancing international cooperation and

At a meeting with the visiting deputy director of the Canadian Foreign Affairs and International Trade Department, Dr. Arahiyat said Jordan seeks a just and comprehensive solution to the Middle East question.

He emphasised the need to

solve the Palestician expellees problem and to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Dr. Arabiyat said peace talks have not so far achieved any tangible progress, noting in this regard that conferring parties have failed to reach an agenda.

Mideast peace with visiting Canadian envoy

AMMAN (Petra) — Speaker of This, the House speaker said the Lower House of Parliament shows that Israel is not interested shows that Israel is not interested in establishing justice, freedom and recognising the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to establish their own state on their national advancing understanding he-Dr. Arabiyat reviewed Jordan's democratisation process, tween the world's nations.

saying that democracy is the option of the people and the leadership of Jordan, and that there was no scope to retract from such an option. He pointed out that the estab-

lishment of a centre for studies on freedom, democracy and human rights in the Arab World was the culmination of Jordan, a democratie march. The Canadian official lauded

Jordan's firm and principled stands, and voiced hope that all obstacles facing the resumption of the peace talks be overcome. He praised the democratic path Jordan bas charted.

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Social security office issues new regulations AMMAN (Petra) - The Social laboratory tests, invoices cover-

Secority Corporation (SSC) ing doctors' fees, pharmacists and Tuesday issued new regulations X-ray fees, and hospital hills, io organising insorance against addition to copies of the police service-related injuries and profession-related diseases.

Under the new regulations, employers bave to inform the police authorities within 24 hours of any injury to any of the employees, resulting from a criminal act, road accidents and other incidents, such as fires, explosions, landslides and the like.

The regulations said employers should inform the SSC, directly or through any of its hranches and offices, of all service-related injuries within a week of the date of injury. The regulations allow the affected person or any of his/her family members to inform the SSC in case the employer fails

to do so in due coorse. To honour any insurance claims resulting from any incidents, accideots or injuries, the regulations stipulated that em-ployers should provide the SSC with the original documents or autheoticated photocopies of all medical reports, prescriptions, Xray reports, results of medical

envoy, spouse

AMMAN (J.T.) — Japanese Amhassador to Jordan Ynji Ike-da and his wife Tuesday visited

Noor Al Hussein Foundation

(NHF), and were hriefed hy its

president and its director general

of NHF income-generating pro-

jects implemented io the area of

integrated and comprehensive

community development in Jor-

Both sides also reviewed

Japan's assistance to the foundation which has included an

observatory and a miniplanetarium for the Haya Arts Centre and volunteer instructors

at the NHF National Music Con-

Mr. and Mrs. Ikeda then

watched a slide presentation on NHF development projects and

programmes in the areas of family and community development,

women, children, culture and

The presentation also high-

lighted NHF's philosophy which

draws on reinforcing self-

reliance, securing steady icome

for families and integrating

women into the developing pro-

Mr. and Mr. Ikeda then toured

the Jordan Design and Trade

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visit NHF

White cement is up for sale again Japanese ZARQA (Petra) - The white cement factories Monday started

orfering white cement to distributors and merchants in the Kingdom, according to the director general of the company. In a memorandum sent hy the director to the governor of Zarqa, the director called for coordinating efforts in providing citizens with their needs of white cement without any complications. He said the production of white cement at the factories was stopped for a short period because of annual maintenance works at various parts of the factory.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Road accidents decrease in 1st week of March

AMMAN (Petra) - Three people were killed and 147 injured in

354 road accidents, which took place in various parts of Jordan during the period Feb. 27 through March 6, according to Traffic

Department sources. The sources said Amman ranked first in the

number of accidents with 211 cases, followed by Zarga with 43,

and Irbid with 32. Maan and Tafileh governorates recorded the

lowest number of accidents, with one accident each. The sources

blamed the accidents on tailgating, wreckless driving, violation of

traffie priorities (right of way), neglect, failure to ahide hy road

signs, wrong overtaking and speeding. But the sources said the

reporting week witnessed a decrease in the number of accidents.

deaths and injuries, compared with the week ending Feh. 25.

Senjor American medical team arrives in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) - A three-man senior medical delegation from

the United States will arrive here Friday on a four-day visit to

Jordan in response to an invitation extended to them by the Arah

Centre for Heart (ACH). Dr. Floyd Loop, ehairman of the Board

of Trustees of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Dr. Bernardine

Healey, director of the National Institutes of Health in Washing-

ton and Dr. Mehdi Razavi, chairman of the International Centre

at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, will hold talks with senior

Jordanian officials. They will also discuss scopes of scientifie and

practical cooperation between the ACH and the Cleveland Clinic

Foundation. The team's programme includes a visit to Hussein

Medical Centre and a lecture on cardiac diseases and surgery.

House administrative panel reviews citizens' complaints

AMMAN (Petra) - The Lower House of Parliament Administrative Committee Tuesday held a meeting and discussed several proposals and complaints by citizens, committee rapporteur Fuad Al Khalafat said the committee also discussed in action by some ministries to reply to complaints sent to them by the committee.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- Scientific exhibition of projects designed by students at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), including computers and computer programmes, at JUST.
- ⇒ Exhibition entitled the Memory of Silk, displaying traditional Iordanian and Palestinian costumes, shawks, carpets, pottery copperware, from the Widad Kawar collection — at the French Cultural Centre.

FILM

British film entitled "My Lest Foot" at 7 p.m. at the British Council (98 min.).

Teacher trainees continue sit-in at UNRWA centre Protest action brings attention to new qualification standards

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Students undergoing teachers training at a U.N. agency facility in Amman continued a sit-in protest for the fourth day Toesday, kindling fresh debate on a problem faced by thousands of teachers in Jor-

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi said he was planning to raise the issue with the Council of Ministers during Tuesday's regular session.

The protesting students at the Amman Training Centre of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine refugees are demanding that the agency provide a quota for employing some of them at its various sehools and others he allowed to continue studies at the institution and secure a degree which will qualify them for employment as teachers in Jordan.

tion beld in 1988, demands that all teachers in Jordan should be bolders of a university degree in teaching and that diploma holders would not be employed as

The decision means that diploma holders already working as teachers should "upgrade" themselves with a university degree or face retrenebment by the year 1997, when the measure goes into

"There is no definite law regarding this point," said Mr. Hindawi. "At any rate, I am going to raise the issue during today's (Tuesday) Cabinet session." Informed officials said mean-

while the government was planning to extend the so-called deadline for the implementation of the

"It is possible that the Ministry of Education might extend the deadline to the year 2,000 instead of 1997, in view of the number of teachers involved and the limited training facilities available in Jor-

dan." said a well-informed the decision at the cooference on to settle the problem." source.

It is estimated that around 28,000 diploma-holding teachers are now working in government schools alone. In addition, several thousand others are employed by community colleges and other institutions.

The Amman Training Centre, established in 1968, has already secured government approval for its teachers training courses to be recognised as university education carrying a degree with effect from the 1993-94 scholastic year.

In the meantime, the centre nlans to let the current two-year diploma courses continue, allowing the secondary-school students to complete the course this term and the first-year students to enter the second year and complete. the course next year.

The problem faced by the facility, as explained by UNRWA officials, is: It needs to give priority to its own 1,800-strong teaching staff in the "university grade" courses to comply with

education law and therefore is

fresh students. The officials explained that the centre could offer only 275 seats and that it had proposed to set

aside 75 seats for fresh students. Omar Ghabayen, deputy field education officer of UNRWA in Jordan, said that the centre had a capacity of 275 students and it was unable to take more since it did not have the physical facili-

"It would need more buildings, staff and funds." said Mr. Gha-The decision rests with the

UNRWA headquarters and policymakers," be told the Jordan Times.

are helpless," adding that "it is mainly a government problem and not a UNRWA problem."
"If the government changes its policy and goes back to approving the employment of diploma hol-

Denis Brown, director of UNunable to provide enough seats to RWA affairs in Jordan, described the sit-in action as "very pas-

Mr. Brown noted that UN-RWA, despite heing a U.N. agency with administrative independence, had to follow govern-

ment guidelines and regulations, and as such, it was unable to meet the students' demands. "The students are protesting against government policy" and not UNRWA decisions, he said.

Matar Sagar, UNRWA public information officer, said senior UNRWA officials held a round of talks with the students Saturday but no solution was forthcoming.

and resume normal activities at In the meaotime, he said, "we the centre." he said. The protestors, said to include

We are keen to end the strike

hoth first- and second-year teaching students at the centre. are trying to lobby Parliament into intervening on their behalf and solving the problem.

ing an uproar among parents some of the female students

strike. "Apparently the parents we.

not aware of the protest action the centre," said one informasource. "Someone called the parents

some of the female students atinformed them that their dauga ters were 'not attending' classes suggesting that they may be is volved in 'immoral' activities.

"Some of the fathers were es raged and came to the centre find out what their daughter were doing," said the sourc adding that he could not confirm reports that some of the ang. men carried guns in largely typi al reaction to suggestions that their daughters could be behavis 'immorally.''

Told that their daughters web only involved in a passive stude. protest action, "they understoo

the situation and went away witn out creating problems," accord

Most returnees await U.N. restitution before considering investing in Jordan Their savings and experience in of the returnees who were in the

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Over forty per cent of Gulf war returnees are awaiting war restitution before deciding to invest their money in the Jordanian economy or oot, according to a recent Department of Statistics study conducted among some 70,000 returnees who came to Jordan after August

About 16 per cent of the returnees polled said that they intended to begin investment ventures in Jordan, 38 per cent said they did not, and 45 per cent said that they had "not yet decided."

Returnees have claimed about \$3 billion in restitution from the U.N. Compensatioo Commission

Most of those asking for com-

in Jordan in the construction. trade, industrial or agricultural sectors.

Of those polled, 42 per cent said they intended to invest in commercial ventures, 24 per cent intended to invest in the services sector, 7 per cent opted for the agricultural sector and 4.5 per cent chose the industrial sector. More than half the returnees

who were questioned in the survey had spent more than 20 years as expatriates in Kuwait and said that, on the average, they had lost about JD 10,000 as a result of their sometimes-forced return to The vast majority of Jordanian

and Palestinian returnees were told that they could no longer work or live in the Gulf state of Kuwait in the post war period.

the computer, banking and services sector is said to have boosted standards in the Kingdom in those given sectors. according to a Ministry of Labour official Mohammad Abdul Hadi Al Akle, who is in charge of processing the returnee restitution claims to the U.N. Compensation Commission in Gene-

Of the more than 70,000 Jordanians and Palestinians who returned to Jordan from Kuwait between August 1991 and December 1992, about 19,199 were active members of the work force, and 12,470 were students above the age of 15. The rest were under 15, homemakers or unemployed.

According to the Department of Statistics census, 30.25 per cent Balqa governorate.

work force were "specialists" are technicians. Another one third, or 28.34 pⁿ

cent, reported that they hin worked in production service3 and 21.57 per cent reported th they had been employed in eleri Ten per cent of the returne

surveyed said they had worked Only one-fourth of those retu

nees questioned owned proper in the Kingdom, although almo all settled in Jordan. Of the over 70,000 returnees

question, only 1,446 settled in the About 40,000 settled in the Amman governorate, 18,000 se

tled in Zarqa, 8,880 settled Irbid and 1,682 settled in ti-

Activists call for unprejudiced U.N representative to defend human rights

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN --- Human rights activists Monday called on Arab countries and humanitarian organisations to adopt a better system for exchanging information and to sentative at the U.N. to defend

human rights issues. The activists, attending a twohour round-table organised by the Arah Organisation for Human Rights in Jordan, said the Arah perspectives on human rights should be better formulated and presented at a June meeting in Vienna on human

On the internal front, they said, there is also a pressing need to familiarise Arabs with the seriousness of human rights viola-

"If we do not put an end to the human rights violations that occur in our (Arah) countries, we will hear the same rhetoric from our children 20 years later," said

Suleiman Sweiss, a human rights

of the Arab Thought Forum, suggested that part of the U.N. hudget be allocated for a "commissioner on boman rights who will have full authority to investigate buman rights violations withbias or selectivity. The proposal, seconded by hu-

man rights activist and lawyer

Asma Khader, was in reference to an issue also raised by other speakers at the round-table: Israel getting away witbout punishment even after censure by the U.N. over its violations of the human rights of the Palestinian people living in the occupied territories, while Arah and other countries taken to task for their record on human rights.

The round-table heard loud expressions of "deep concern over imperialist and Zionist practices" and over the "doublestandard policy" superpowers apply agaiost underdeveloped "Tens of resolutions were pas-

sed by the United Nations conde-

mning the Israeli practices in the occupied territories, but still none of them was fully implemented," said Imad Sharqawi, a Jordanian

"Selectivity and double stanbuman rights activist. "We (in the Arah countries) should not follow the same steps (of the West), we should work towards more objectivity and credibility.

Some participants at the conference, mostly researchers and political party leaders, criticised what they consider as focusing upon other peoples' causes rather than concentrating on the Jordanian case.

"There are 13 organisations in the occupied territories whose basie task is to defend human rights... what we need in these kind of meetings is a thorough research of human rights conditions in Jordan, tackling political parties, women's rights, confiscation of hooks and press and publications law," said one partici- ment.

Another participant, tackling the situation and crises that fan the Arab World from an econ mic point of view comments. that it is because of the 'gre, dards might end up in greater freedoms' we used to enjoy in ti violence and explosions," warned past in the Arab countries that y

> rather than looking upon th situation in our country.' Munir Hamarneh, a professes of economics at the University of Jordan, added: Internation policies are denuding underdiveloped countries of their mag resources so as not to lead dignified life; and not anybodn even in Parliament, would dae

reter to tackle human ng

violations in other countri-

say no." Dr. Taleh Awad, a Jordani: researcher and writer warned the serious implications of Thi World debts that rose from \$920 hillion in 1972 to more th: \$1,300 hillion in 1990 in addition to funds that go primarily "armaments instead of develor

Jordan, Syria sign new sports agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Syria Tuesday signed a new sports agreement aimed at enhancing sports cooperation and coordination between both coun-

The agreement also called for

the exchange of visits hy sports

delegations from both countries

with a view to obtaining first-hand

information on management and

maintenance of sports facilities,

ity.

The new regulations allowed employers to request an advance payment from the SSC to be debited to the injuries account, if Syrian Sports Federation and the treatment period exceeded chairman of the Syrian Olympie Committee.

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three months. The regulations called on the insured persons with injuries to call at the SSC if their sick-leave exceeds two months, because any leave beyond this period should be approved by the corporation's medical officer.

preparing electronic boards and planting natural grass in playg-The agreement provided for

holding joint training camps and stressed the importance of joint participation in Arah and interna-Signing the agreement for Jortional sports events. dan was Minister of Youth Saleh It also underscored the need to Irsheidat, and for the Syrian side Samih Mudallal, president of the

exchange views and opinions on various sports issues and events and to coordinate stands towards

Arah and international sports

The agreement underlined the importance of undertaking joint studies and research on the best ways to upgrade the level of sports in both countries.

Under the agreement, both countries agreed to host sport weeks, and called for holding them by rotation.

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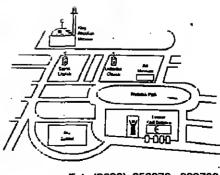
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Pace — Israel style

FHE VISIT of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to the inited States seems to have achieved what was mac ly expected of it: More tangible U.S. support for Fel Aviv and a much more forceful pledge to its security and other needs.

Compare the force of this commitment to the shy and akewarm statements in support of international dem ads on Israel to comply with U.N. resolutions, and the obvious conclusion is that the Arabs should leur - and not urge - more U.S. involvement in the resurred peace effort.

The tilt of the new U.S. administration towards israe!, which was so clearly demonstrated during Mr. Rabin's joint press conference with President Bill Clin on Monday, is at best disappointing, and at worst hirring, about the future of the peace process and the hape for finding a just and comprehensive solution to he Arab-Israeli conflict.

President Clinton promised Mr. Rabin a continued U.S. commitment to Israel's military superiority in the "gira, initiated with him a dialogue to raise the 11.5. Israeli relationship on a new level of strategic partitership and will send the Israeli prime minister home with a pledge to maintain the billions of dollars waid his country receives from Washington.

President Clinton did in fact reiterate his country's wher lion to keep the peace process alive. But the kind peace he spoke of seems to be the one advocated by -ui — and no one else.

"he president said he wanted a peace that "will halfy accord Israel the recognition and acceptance is people have yearned for so long and have been ... l.ng denied." But he did not say the peace that he should end the suffering of Palestinians, who for ... ing also, have been subjugated to all kinds of and denial of rights.

said Israel should live in security, but he did not should meet its obligation under international fe spoke against terrorism, but he did not speak . SI the demonstron of homes and the expulsion of x: 5 & from their homes and homeland and the killing

i ildren and unarmed civilians. Fe see in the Middle East, said the president, should sed oo United Nations Security Council Resolu-"" 242 and 338 and "it must involve full normalisain a diplomatic relations, open borders, commerce ourism... the Israeli people cannot make peace

give's they feel secure." West Mr. Clinton forgot, or chose to forget, to tiention, however, is that the Arabs too cannot make Mark unless they feel secure and unless they feel their .: if the respected and guaranteed. "I believe that ... wrans) know that the United States has had a

aisto tic relationship of friendship with Israel, but also

is a that we can be counted upon to keep our word," . s d. It president is only half right on this point. The 22 s do know the extent of the friendship that binds 'e' , viv and Washington together. But they have yet it if a good enough reason to know that they can your on the credibility of the United States.

AL: ABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

3.7.4 (LI PROPAGANDA media have been reporting negotia mong security forces in Israel to confront the intifada in the : .: d Arab territories, Al Ra'i AArabic newspaper said in an : I Tuesday. These negotiations have indicated the possibil- aforcing a seige around the occupied territories, suggesting and plans to increase oppressive measures in the occupied ands, said the paper. These measures are not security es, said the paper, they are organised terrorist practices. It pointing out, said Al Ra'i, that news of these measures referred at a time when the scheduled date for the ninth of Arab-Israeli talks is nearing and when the possibilities of monal U.S. effort to solve the problem of the Palestinian es have increased. It is obvious that the real objective of rrease in terrorist activities to creating more provocative 'es in the face of the peace process so that it will not rale of the Palestinian people. The leaking of the intention of these measures also coincided with Israeli Prime Minister . Rabin's visit to the United States. The United States realise the role it can play in convincing Mr. Rabin to drop prorist programme which he intends to carry out in the ad territories. Security in the occupied territories, said the cannot be achieved through terrorism. It can be attained the ath pushing the peace process forward and an Israeli ment to implementing U.N. Security Council resolutions and 338 and to the principle of land for peace. and 338 and to the principle of land for peace.

THE escalation of the intifada, and the improved eness of the resistance movement to Israeli occupation, or an inchagal withdrawal from the Gaza Strip have been court conce again from Israelis, including members of Mr. · government. At Dustour Arabic daily said in an editorial ly. The mere voicing of these calls, especially by members israeli cabinet, is a moral victory for the Palestinian whose sacrifices have not been short in coming, said the in an editorial entitled, "Will Israel withdraw from the http?" But as we don't expect these calls to be needed ght by israel, we expect that with the continuation of the and the increase of resistance activities. Mr. Rabin will ally learn the lesson and decide to withdraw. The dream of thi withdrawal from any part of the occupied territories has - ... Figure 1 or to coming true, said Al Dustour.

Economic Forum

By Dr. Abdalla Malki

Reflections on economic liberalism

THE JORDANIAN economic system has been based on economic freedom which was probably the major force behind whatever economic success Jordan achieved throughout the last three decades. At the eve of the 21st century, it looks crystal clear that economic iberalism is the norm of the day and the trend of the future.

Being poorly endowed with natural resources. Jordan oeeds economic liberalism more than, or at least as much as, any other country in the region. We believe that the comparative advantage of the Jordanian economy lies in two main areas: the quality of its manpower and its geographic location, Without a liberal economy, Jordan cannot exploit either of them. This and the smallness of the domestic market mean that the Jordanian economy is essentially a

An open economy and a liberal economic system will allow factors of production to move freely inside Jordan and across borders and thus add more value to the services component of the economy. However, there is no perfect version of economic liberalism in real life. And probably, such a version cannot be tolerated anywhere. It is not only that such liberalism does not, and must not, mean or lead to chaos, but also that the degree of liberalism must be adapted to the ever changing economic circumstances and problems.

Thus, economic liberalism is a very relative concept which varies in hape and content from country to country and from time to time. Consequently, economic liberalism is not rarely misunderstood. The danger lies in the belief that it is a magic core for all economic ills. It is not difficult to detect the early symptoms of this syndrome in

By Pascal B. Karmy

THE WORD "cohabitation" was

used by the French in 1986 with

respect to the political co-

French government of Socialist

racie Française (UDF) and other

rightist parties came to power as

they formed the majority in the Assemble National while Presi-

dent Mitterrand's term of office

It may also be recalled that

some frictions occurred between

the Socialist President and the

Gaullist Chirac, The root cause of

the friction arose from the fact

that the Fifth Republic's Con-

stitution, as established by

General De Gaulle in 1958, had

conferred wide powers upon the

president who is elected for a

seven years' term directly by uni-

versal suffrage and not by the National Assembly as was the

case in previous republics prior to

According to De Gaulle's Fifth

Republic Constitution, the presi-

dent appoints the prime minister

and executive ministers, presides

over the council of ministers,

signs laws and decrees, can dis-

solve the National Assembly,

By Abdul Jawad Saleh

AFTER THE recent stabbing of

an Israeli by a Palestinian woman in the old city of Jerusalem;

Ya acov Terner, Israel's police inspector-general, stated that

"we cannot stop these attacks --period."

demonstrators have advocated their own solution: "Kill the Arabs," "expel them." Indeed,

consecutive Israeli governments, whether Likud or Labour, have done exactly that; but in vain. In the meantime, the Israeli

media portrays and promotes a

sadistic atmosphere when they

report the death of Palestinians.

including children, compared

with the pain and sadness that

engulf their reports of Israeli

deaths. Now, the incumbent gov-

ernment has asked 300,000

Israelis who have gun licenses,

including the very people who shout "kill the Arabs," to carry their arms at all times.

The order of the day implies

What Israeli officials bave

failed to tell the Israeli public is

that for as long as the occupation

"shoot to kill." It allows the

fanatics to carry out the law in

their own fashion.

ance, will continue.

After every attack such Israeli

almost two more years to

Party (RPR).

. The philosophical content of the present economic policy seems to lean heavily on the notion that economic liberalism enbances resource allocation and utilisation (good) and that the more you liberalise, the better results you reap. Wrong: because after a certain point, liberalism generates excesses and socio-economic imbalances.

Economic liberalism has found a point where to stop in most advanced liberal economies, meaning conclusively that economic progress, and probably social justice, are oot an unconditional function of economic liberalism. Besides, once a country installs this or that form of liberalism in this or that field, no economic rule compels it to stick to that course. No formula of liberalism constitutes

In Jordan, it seems that economic freedom and liberalism have been equated with a free import policy or gauged by it. Elimination of protectionism is another important measure which we seem to uate with that liberalism. Protection policies have been recurring the economic policies of even the most liberal economies. Imports of goods shot up by an alarming 30 per cent in 1992. Instead of spurring us to work out direct or indirect measures to check the unbarnessed growth of imports, we seem to bave embarked on measures which will stimulate more imports.

We have just cut tariff rates on a host of imports and are playing with the idea of abolishing import permits altogether. This is what can be termed an obsession with economic liberalism despite powerful indications that point us to completely different policies. In the absence of discriminate policies based on changing circumstances, economic liberalism can take the economy to any places, nice

France

Back to 'cohabitation'? hold referenda on important been passed by the council of

President François Mitterrand and Prime Minister Jacques Chiramong other matters. ac of the Conservative Gaullist De Gaulle's constitution did not apparently foresee the case It may be recalled that in March 1986, the rightist Conwhere the elected president could be of one party and the majority servative parties including the of the National Assembly of a RPR, the Union pour la Démoc-

questions and ratifies treaties

different political party. Opinions differed on cohabitation: former President Giscard d'Estaing and the then influential minister Charles Balladur expressed the opinion that "cobabitation" must succeed and that there was no reason why it should not and that it was a new experience in French constitutional history. Other politicians, like former prime minister Raymond Barre, a rightist, stated that the president of the republic should resign once the opposition major-

ity party comes to power. It may be recalled that President Mitterrand remained in power but had some frictions with his prime minister Jacques Chir-

One of the incidents of friction which had happened between the president and prime minister Jacques Chirac was when the former refused to sign the decrees teferred to him on the privatisation of certain government public estabhishments after the decrees had

ministers. The prime minister simply referred the decrees to the National Assembly which, because of its then existing rightist majority, approved them and consequently the president had to sign them into law,

It appeared that during Jacques Chirac's premiership in 1986, be tried to give the president a representative protocol role only; but it is doobtful whethet he succeeded as the president continues to enjoy wide powers. especially in matters of foreign affairs and national defence, As is well known, De Gaulle, with his towering infloence and prestige, had been able to lay down France's policy in foreign affairs and defence and I do not believe that any president will relinquish his role in those two sensitive

Even President Mitterrand, who had harshly criticised De Gaulle's Fifth Republic Constitution before he became president. especially with tegard to the strong powers of the president, abided by the constitution during his two terms of office and did not propose any amendment to it. But with his second term of office nearing its end in less than two years, be has now proposed the abrogation of article 16 of the

constitution. According to this article, the president, after coosulting the prime minister, the presidents of the National Assembly and the senate as well as the Conseil Constitutionoel, will take the required measures in case the institutions of the republic, the independence of the nation, the integrity of its territory or the execution of its international obligations are seriously and immediately threatened

An observer may ask why President Mitterrand is proposing the abrogation of article 16 at this late stage of his second term of office. Is he afraid that, as the recent polls in France indicate, the Conservatives might obtain the majority in the National Assembly during the current month's general election and that Conservative president might be elected after he finishes his current term of office? Apparently, out of office, President Mitterrand would not like to see a president exercising dictatorial powers even in the specific ergencies described in article

If a Conservative majority dominates the National Assembly as a result of the current general election, we will witness again for some time "another "cohabitation" between a Socialist president and a rightist Conservative prime minister.

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Yeltsin Walking a fine line

By Thomas Ginsberg The Associated Press

MOSCOW - Boris Yeltsin has a the hard line Congress blocked his play for ultimate power.

Anti-Yeltsin rallies, including one Sunday of about 200 people at the U.N. embassy, seem oddly and Lenin, and shouted "Yeltsin. shame.

Russia is not on the verge of returning to ideological Com-munism or the Cold War, nor did and his programme.

But the congress has thrown op pull it off. new obstacles and shifted power toward itself.

of them entrenched ex-

'The government is now between a rock and hard place." said pro-reform lawmaker Leonid Gurevich. "The prime minister Soviet-era constitution. will now have to listen simultaneously to orders from both stupid situation, fraught with the most serious consequences."

Dominated by ex-Communists led by Mr. Khasbulatov, the Congress repealed Mr. Yeltsin's power to issue decrees without legislative review. It also cancelled dum on who should rule Russia.

Kozyrev.

The Supreme Soviet probably margin of error. will not backtrack significantly on market reforms, which have creover the Central Bank and other by the Congress. agencies with the Cabinet.

use its veto power to block new regions, territories and autonsteps and stall others. One casual- omous republics to ignore or even ty could be plans for private land recall Parliament members. ownership and accelerate the fledgling privatisation program-

tress Mr. Yeltsin and turn Russia spread.

"The problem for Russia does not consist in getting aid," Mr. Khasbulatov told the Congress knack for springing hack from Khasbulatov told the Congress political defeat. But the president The ptoblem is in setting up continue his market reforms after serious. businesslike, mutually

U.S. President Bill Clinton called last week for bigger aid packages from the United States and other major industrial powers to Soviet flags and portraits of Stalin be sent immediately. He hopes the aid will help Mr. Yeltsin, hut it might be too late.

Mr. Yelisin's most extreme option is declaring some kind of presidential rule and dissolving the Congress' victory last week the Parliament. Most lawmakers spell total defeat for the president and officials say he does not have the political or military backing to

A more likely step is a plebiscite or nationwide poll which Mr. Yeltsin must now appeal to aides have proposed for as early an apathetic public and win the support of regional leaders, most whether Russia should be a

"presidential republic." Communists. Legislators will challenge every step, including the acceptance of Western aid.

A vote in Mr. Yeltsin's favour could provide a moral and psychological boost to take some provide a moral and psychological boost to take some provided and p A vote in Mr. Yeltsin's favour psychological boost to take some kind of firmer action, such as calling for early elections or convening an assembly to rewrite the

The cabinet already has allocated money and materials for Yeltsin and (parliament speaker the April II referendum. It was Ruslan) Khasbulatov. This is very unclear. however. whether it would attract the requisite 50 per

cent of voters to be valid. An opinion poll by the respected All Russian Centre for Public Opinion Research, conducted in February, found only about one third of voters eager to his plan for a nationwide referen- take part in such a ballot, according to Russian television Sunday.

Asked whether they supported The standing legislature, the Asked whether they supported Supreme Soviet, will press the the president or parliament, 70 attack when it reconvenes, poss- per cent said they were undeibly this week. Some members cided, a higher number than in may revive efforts to remove Mr. previous polls. Only 20 per cent Yeltsin's aides, including the pro said they sided with Mr. Yeltsin Western Foreign Minister Andrei and 10 per cent with lawmakers. Russian television cited no

Mr. Yeltsin might have other options. His aids and supporters ated a small but vibrant class of in Congress plan to ask the Coneotrepreneurs. The Congress also stitutional Court to teview possihad agreed to share authority ble violations of the Constitution

gencies with the Cabinet. He also is trying to boild But the Supreme Soviet could alliances with leaders in Russia's

That, however, might boost the power of local officials. Said Mr. re. Gurevich: 'The worst thing is
The legislature also might resist that both the president and Conforeign aid. Hard liners distrust-ful of the United States argue that from the regions, and that means large scale assistance would but that the split in Moscow will

> lence, and from prolonging the masochistic infliction of suffering on its own population, must surely come from the powerful "friends of Israel," the United States administration and the European Community, both of whom publicly profess to support the search for a peaceful and just peace. Up to now, both powers have not only failed to address the issue of Israel's excesses and its undermining of the peace process, but have effectively facilitated these excesses by rejecting a U.N. attempt to assign a human rights commissioner to monitor the war crimes israel is perpetrat-

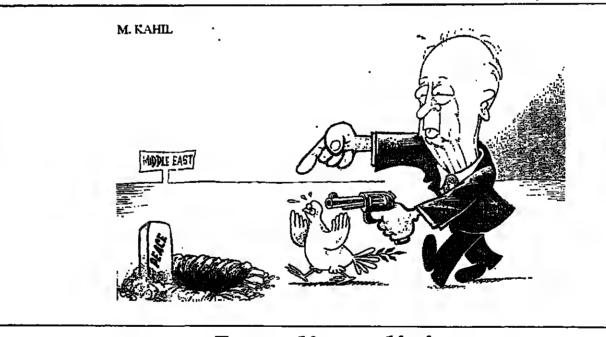
Ultimately, it is not important whether their reluctance to ensure Israel's respect for international law, the Geneva Conventions and the U.N. Security Council stems from their belief that only through appeasement will Israel make peace, or, from their bistoric guilt over the Holocaust, manipulated by Israel, which they feel may be absolved by allowing Israel to commit the very same outrage against the Palestinians.

What is important is that their current policies are enabling Israel to promote a vortex of violence which threatens to permancotly undermine the search for peace in the region.

The road to such a nihilistic eventuality is opening up. The brutalisation of Palestinian children, who decorated Israeli tanks with olive branches and changed the barrels of Israeli guns into vases of flowers at the beginning 1967, when he predicted the of the peace talks is one of the cruellest aspects of the occupation. Figures show that among these children there is very little belief of a chance for coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians. In terms of the future, this is tragic, though understandable; for these children are now run-

ning out of hope and patience. Ultimately, the violence will engulf everyone, preventing the political solution which Israel wishes to avoid. Whether it succeeds in this will be determined by the international community, which should be asked for how long it will watch Palestinians being killed and abused, and sympathise with the perpetrator rather than the victim?

The writer, general director of the Jerusalem Centre for Development Studies, occasionally writer for the Jordan Times.



Israel's policies

From sadistic to nihilistic

exists, for as long as Israel attempts to control the lives of In the less than three months since the mass deportation of over 400 Palestinians, Israeli another people and steal their resources, the "war", or resistforces and civilians have killed over 50 Palestinians, and woundfor fact, before the intifada, the ed hundreds. More than 10 chil-Israelis indulged themselves in a grand illusion that they were able dren under the age of 16 have been killed in the same period; representing a disturbing 180 per to achieve Palestinian acquiesccent increase B'Tselem, the Israeli human

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their own anger and fear.

ence to subjugation, impoverish-ment and cultural genocide. The racism which blinded their rights organisation, claims that common senses blocked rational two-thirds of the recent deaths occurred during incidents when according to the Israeli army's analysis of the inevitable Palestinian reaction to colonisation. Their racial blindness prevented sion, the lives of the them from seeing the spiralling soldiers were not in any danger. resistance. This resistance has pa-A U.N. official stated that 90 per ralicled Israel's violent repres cent of the casualties bave been and has now manifested itself in shot in the upper half of the body the current quantitative and qualby live ammunition. Other reports have shown that in a study itative increase in organised of 13 confrontations between armed struggle. The current unprecedented Israeli troops and Palestinian wel of Israeli repression in the youth, in which many Palestinians were killed and wounded.

level of Israeli repression in the occupied territories, and the increase in Palestinian resistance to it, is a forewarning of the likely direction the conflict will take. During Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's first seven months in office, 47 Palestinians. including 25 mnocent children, were shot dead and 1,927 Palestinians were injured, maimed or

ment is also markedly on the increase. Over 20 Palestinians' homes have recently been demolished by anti-tank missiles, to bring arbitrary havoc and damage. Gaza Strip was recently completely closed off, denying over 30,000 Palestinian day-labourers their only means of income. Such measures serve only to increase the levels of frustration, anxiety and hate, discrediting the peace process and undermining the credibility of the Palestinian nego-

The subsequent inevitable cycle of Israeli violence and Palestinian resistance effectively creates the very conditions necessary to "justify" Israel's more extreme policy aims. The Israeli government intends to forego a peaceful solution and instead impose its own draconian solution to what it perceives as its "Palestinian problem:" the imposition of Israeli 11 were provoked by Israeli hegemony over the occupied Palestinian territory. To ensure a Jewish majority, transfer or "ethnic cleansing", "voluntarily" or forcefully, will be continued to The young Israeli army recruits, recently graduated from high school, having absorbed a

nian people. racist education, obviously intend The hope that a voice of reason to make the Palestinians pay for The use of collective punish-

get rid of the indigenous Palesti-

or compromise might emerge from within Israel was shattered

represented by the Meretz coalition, sold their soul in a Faustian pact with Mr. Rabin over the mass expulsions. Other forces for good, such as the human rights organisation BTselem, decounced the "excesses" of the occupation, but still iail to establish that Palestinian resistance is a reaction to the occupation. This failure is essentially in line with the Israeli national consensus, which condemns Palestinian resistance as terrorism" and limits criticism of the occupation to legal technicalities, as with the mass deporta-tion. Yet still, B'Tselem and A.C.R.I., which issued the restraining orders against the expulsions, are castigated as disloyal by the press, or as agents of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) by Mr. Rabin.

Some Israeli personalities have spoken out, but the ensuing castigation of them has usually been swift. A Hebrew University military historian recently stated that the Palestinian population has a right to fight the Israeli occupation, and that if Israel continues to pursue the same policies, it is "likely to get inso civil war." His audience reaction was so strong that the speaker was compelled to walk off the stage. Another example of a 'voice in the wilderness,' is professor Yeshayahu Leibowitz, woo was and still is an ardent Zionist. He was coosidered a modern Jewish

prophet until he criticised the

occupation immediately after

"dilemma of the occupier and the

occupied." Mr. Leibowitz, has

often spoken out against the "corruption of the occupation." and he characterised the Israeli army as "Judeo-Nazi." When criticised for this in a recent Israeli television programme, he retorted that the "concentration camps" are in tens of detention centres in which thousands of Palestinians are incarcerated. When asked, "where is the holocaust?" Mr. Leibowitz answered, "in your minds." Later, he was forced to forsake the Israel Prize for his scientific achievements due to the vehement denunciation of his nomina-

emphasised that he would not attend the ceremony. The pressure to prevent Israel from deepening this cycle of vio-

tion by a cross section of Israeli

society, including Mr. Rabin who



Clinton pledges full American involvement in peace process

WASHINGTON (USIA) - Expressing hope that 1993 will be "a year of peacemaking in the Middle East," President Bill Clinton says the United States "is prepared to be involved all the way through the Middle East peace process

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At a joint news conference with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Monday, Mr. Clinton also expressed support for a solution based on governing United Nations resolutions.

Following is the official White House transcript of the Clinton-Rabin news conference:

Clinton: It's a great pleasure for me to welcome Prime Minister Rabin back to Washington. Since we first met here last August, much has changed. But one thing I can say definitely will never change is the unique bond that unites the United States and Israel. It is a bond that goes back to the founding of the state of Israel and beyond, based on shared values and shared ideals.

Israel's democracy is the bedrock on which our relationship stands. It's a shining example for people around the world who are on the front line of the struggle for democracy in their own lands. Our relationship is also based on our common interest in a more stable and peaceful Middle East, a Middle East that will finally accord Israel the recognition and acceptance that its people have yearned for so long and have been too long denied; a Middle East that will know greater democracy for all its peoples.

I believe strongly in the benefit to American interests from strengthened relationships with israel. Our talks today have been conducted in that context. We have begun a dialogue intended to raise our relationship to a new level of strategic partnership partners in the pursuit of peace, partners in the pursuit of security.

We focus today on our common objective of turning 1993 into a year of peacemaking in the Middle East. Prime Minister Rabin has made clear to me today that pursuing peace with security is his highest mission, I have pledged that my administration will be active in helping the parties to achieve that end.

At the same time, Prime Minister Rabin and I agree that our common objective should be real, lasting, just and comprehensive peace, based on Resolutions 242 and 338. It must iovolve full is inspiring and stands out like a normalisation, diplomatic relative beacon in the night.

tions, open borders, commerce. tourism — the human bonds that are both the fruits and the best guarantee of peace. And Israel's security must be assured. The Israeli people cannot be expected to make peace unless they feel secure, and they cannot be expected to feel secure unless they

come to know real peace. Those like Prime Minister. Rabin who genuinely seek peace in the Middle East will find in me and my administration a full partner. But those who seek to subvert the peace process will find zero tolerance here for their deplorable acts of violence and ter-

Prime Minister Rabin has told me that he is prepared to take risks for peace. He has told his own people the same thing. I have told him that our role is to help a minimise those risks. We will do that by further reinforcing our commitment to maintaining Israel's qualitative military edge. Another way we can strengthen Israel and the United States is to combine the skills of its people

with those of our own. I am pleased to announce today the establishment of a U.S.-Israel science and technology commission, chaired on the American side by our secretary of commerce, Ron Brown. The commission will enhance cooperation to create technologybased jobs for the 21st century in both Israel and the United States. Our economies will also benefit from a lifting of the Arab boycott. And I hope that this boycott can end soon.

Prime Minister Rabin, this year will be a year of enhanced relations between our countries. It should also be a year of peace in the Middle East, as you have declared. We have an bistoric responsibility and an bistoric opportunity. We stand here together today resolved not to let that opportunity pass.

Rahin: President Clinton, in just a few days I will return to Israel. but I know, and will tell everyone in my country. Israel has a friend in the White House. Our home is many miles away, but, Mr. President, we feel very close. We thank you for the hours we spent with you and your team, for the atmosphere of friendship and the openness and the depth of our discussions. The leadership which you have displayed in coping with America's domestic problems is

Today we were bappy to learn that at the same time you are also willing to invest efforts in promoting peace and stability in the Middle East. In this effort, Mr. President, you will find us to be full partners. You are aware that no one wants peace more than us. and that there is no country more resolved to defend itself when necessary. We are veterans of many wars. And today we say, no more blood and tears. We now wish to experience lasting and

meaningful peace. In our talks today, I presented to you Israel's approach to the peacemaking, and we are willing to take upon ourselves risks for peace. But we are determined to

protect our security. Peace has many enemies. Terror is used by the enemies of peace in (an) effort to undermine it. And we will combat it while we continue to seek a solution that will lead to peace.

Since the formation of my government, we have invested efforts in trying to advance towards peace in the framework of the Madrid formula. We introduced new ideas in the negoriation tracks with Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians. Some progress has been made, but more is needed in order to come to agreement. We are ready for compromise, but compromises cannot be one-sided. We call on our partners, the Arab states, the Palestinians from the territories. to seize the moment to return to the negotiating table so that we can use this historic opportunity. We call upon them to respond openly and willingly to our positions. Our children and grandchildren in Jerusalem, and the Arab children and grandchildren in Damascus, Beirot, Amman and elsewhere in the Arab World will not forgive us if we all fail

to act now. We have heard today with satisfaction, Mr. President, your concept of the role of the full partner as an intermediary. We shall continue our direct talks with our Arab neighbours. But in order to expedite the dialogue between the parties, we welcome your good offices and hope to rely on your role as facilitator.

President Clinton, we are deeply indebted to you and to your predecessors who belped us in hours of need. We do appreciate and greatly value the decision to maiotain the current level of aid to Israel. This decision will help us to integrate new immigrants into our society and to bear

the heavy burden of our security. You know, president, (sic) that we will not be able to win the battle for peace without a qualitative edge. Therefore, I wish to thank you and your colleagues on behalf of the Israeli soldiers and their parents and the citizens of Israel for your decision to help to maintain that edge.

Moreover, such a qualitative edge enables the Israeli Defence Forces to contribute to the overall effort to maintain stability in our stormy region. The decision today to raise the level of strategic dialogue between our two countries will open new doors of opportunity. The fact that the next months we will renew the memorandum of agreement between us for five more years, and that we do it as a matter of course is a proof of the kind of mutually beneficial relationships that we enjoy. The formation of new high-level

further upgrade this relationship. We will also have a turn in the near future with much urgency to address the struggle against various kinds of fanaticism, which give birth to murderous terror the kind that recently landed even on these shores. We must institutionalise our dialogue and include all free countries in consultations on the ways to curb the threatening extremism.

forum for strategic dialogue will

We attach much importance to the decision made today to create the high-level joint commission for the development of projects of science and technology. The investment in research and industrial applications in Israel and in America will explore new frontiers of knowledge. And they are a telling example of how our two countries can mutually benefit from this cooperation,

President Clinton, thank you for your invitation and reception, for the warmth on a wintery day, and for your goodwill. I came from Jerusalem, the city of the propbets. I return to Jerusalem, the city that witnessed so many wars and wants so dearly peace, because she knows that in war there are no winners, and in peace, no losers.

Question: - demands for the immediate repatriation of the Palestinian deportees, and where did you leave that subject?

Mr. Clinton: No, we did not

that is the framework within which we are proceeding.

Q: Mr. President, the last peace agreement between an Arab nation and Israel was, as you know — in that case, the president kept a very personal part as an in-termediary. To what extent are you willing to become personally involved? And, Mr. Prime Minister, to what extent are you willing to see the president become personally involved in this peace

negonation? Mr. Rabin: Well, I still can expect - I cannot answer in the name of the president of the United States. But I believe, as it has happened whenever agreements were reached between the Arab countries and Israel from '74 to '79, and even the creation of the Madrid peace conference, could not be achieved without the United States being involved in encouraging the parties to do so. I believe that it was ... there is a need of the United States' partnership to the peacemaking process. At what level, at what time, it's not up to me to answer.

Mr. Clinton: The answer to your question is that I would be prepared to commit the resources. the effort and the attention of this administration, of my secretary of state, and my personal efforts to achieve lasting agreements.

We have, on the table, the potential of very significant bi-lateral agreements and the potential of some regional agreements that I think ought to be pursued. I feel very strongly about it, and I think the opportunities for progress are there. I don't want to minimize the difficulties, the obstacles, the years of frustration, but I think the fact that this prime minister, who became a hero as a warrior, is doing what he can and risking significantly to promote peace is a good begin-uing. And I think there are other good indications in the region. And I'm prepared to personally do what I can to facilitate that.

Q: Do you support the transitional - policy of self-determination for the people on the West Bank and Gaza who have been living for years under military occupation? Mr. Prime Minister, do you think that during your regime Mr. Clinton: No, we did not there will be any measure of discuss that. As far as I'm con-self-rule for the Palestinians while cerned, the secretary of state and you are....

the prime minister reached an Mr. Rabin: I don't want to give agreement on that. And I think you a lengthy answer, but allow me to say, in 1967 we did not want war. It's more than that. Even when we found ourselves in a clash with the Egyptians, we offered to the Jordanians, stay out of the war and we'll keep your line with us without any

> If you'll follow the history, we were always for compromise -U.N. decision, petition of Palestine to two states. We accepted, they rejected. They went to war to destroy us. It's bad luck to the Arabs — whenever they go to war, they lose. We offer them this time to the Palestinians in the territories what no one offered them when the Arab countries were in occupation — Jordan of the West Bank, Egypt of the Gaza Strip - self-rule; run your own life by yourself, as an interim agreement for a transition period of not more than five years, not later than the - we are ready to enter negotiations with them about a permanent solution based on Resolution 242 and 338.

What else can we do? By vio lence and terror no one will make us run. The solution should be around the negotiation table, by talks, not by weapons.

Mr. Clinton: The answer is the United States' position has not changed. As I said in my statement, we support a solution based on the governing U.N. resolution. But the important thing is that everything we say or do today sends a clear message, particularly to the other parties in the Middle East, that the time has come to negotiate peace. And the United States is prepared to be involved all the way through the

Q: — both of you have addressed the question of bilateral arrangements between Israel and Syria. It seems that the prime minister in recent statements has backed away from some earlier statements that Israel would never go down from the Golan Heights, Is there a change? Would Israel be prepared to accept a complete withdrawal from the Golao Heights in exchange for complete peace with Syria, along the lines. of the Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement? And would the United States welcome that kind of separate Israeli-Syrian agreement, even in advance of a Palestinian agreement?

Mr. Rabin: Well, first, we are serious in our negotiations with every one of the Arab, partners

are ready to negotiate and reach peace possible was the assurance agreement with every one of the of security that would come to the partners that sit around the negotiation table with us.

Second, peace has to be negotiprime minister of Israel, and you. After all, you don't represent Syria. We made it clear that we accept the principle of withdrawal of the Armed Forces of Israel on the Golan Heights, to secure the recognised boundaries, but we'll not enter negotiations on the dimension of the withdrawal without knowing what kind of peace Syria offers us. Is it a fully-fledged peace, open boundaries for movement of people and goods, diplomatic relations including embassies, normalisation of relations? Will they let peace - stand on its own two feet, will not be influenced by what happens or doesn't happen in the negotiations with the other Arab

Before we know that, why would I have to say how much we will withdraw once it is an issue to be agreed on between Syria and ourselves, with the assistance of the United States?

partners?

Mr. Clinton: The answer to your question, from my point of view, is that the United States believes that the full peace process should resume. We hope very much that the Palestinians will come to the table. We would like 10 see all the bilaterals go forward. But if the parties could reach an agreement consistent with security interests and the governing U.N. resolutions that was their genuine agreement, would I welcome that and be prepared to support it? Yes. I would. O: Mr. President, the Arabs

think that you favour Israel against them. What are you doing to balance this situation? We know that Secretary Christopher has gone there, but what specifically has been offered to them. and how would you see a confederation of Jordan with the Palestinians? And also, I would like to ask the response to that from Prime Minister Rabin. Mr. Clinton: Secretary Christ-

opher went to the Middle East, and I can assure you, one of the things that he did was to say the same thing to everybody in every capital that he visited - to say that the United States wanted to

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for the peace negotiations. We the only thing that would make parties afterward.

I believe that the other nations involved know that the United ated not between me. as the States has had an historic relationship of friendship with Israel. but also know that we can be counted upon to keep our word and to do what we can to support the security of all the parties if an agreement can be reached.

Do you want to answer that?

Mr. Rabin: I can speak only as an

Israeli, and in the name of Israel.

I believe that the government

that I serve as its prime minister is the first government that accepted the principle of the resolutions 242 and 338 as applicable to the achievement of reace. No government in the past did so which shows that we understand that in peace, compromises have to be made hy both sides. Q: Mr. President, Prime Minister Rabin today spoke about raising the level of strategic dialogue; you spoke about strategic dialogue. I was wondering if you could elaborate what that means more, and does this mean greater coordination between the two countries in terms of what approaches to take to peace, and then bringing that to the table? Are we talking about a whole new approach here?

Clinton: No, we're not talking about a whole new approach. Our two governments have some very gifted people who work on a continuous hasis on security issues between us and facing the region. But we know there are. looking ahend I0 years down the road, we know that we have to pay greater attention to missile defences; we know that we have to pay greater attention to the possibility of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction: we know that in order for any agreement in the Middle East to have lasting impact, there will be significant, and must be, significant security implications flowing out of any kind of arrangements which might be made. And wc just want to make sure that beginning now we give those maners the most careful attention at the appropriate level.

This will not supplant anything that is now being done. We re very well satisfied with the work being done by our people now. be a partner in this process, but - But these three things, it seems to that we recogoise we had to be a us, will shape a lot of our delimediator; and that, in the end, - berations for a decade to come.

Rabin cuts short visit to U.S.

"Israel's security must be assured," Mr. Clinton said at a joint news conference with Mr. Rabin in the East Room. "The Israeli people cannot be expected to make peace unless they feel secure."

A White House official suggested U.S. assistance could increase from the \$3 billion level if Israel reached peace with its neighbours.

The official, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, said: "If there is indeed a breakthrough to peace in the region. I think that will transform the environment, and there's a sense which the United States would then be prepared to help compensate Israel for the risks it would take to make peace."

A diplomatic source, however, said Mr. Clinton made no explicit promises to Mr. Rabin for any

Mideast negotiations are due to resume here on April 20. And the security, and this can be achieved United States will take a more rounds held during the Bush administration.

Mr. Clinton said the United States would not only "be a part-ner in this process" but would be a mediator, as well. The president met alone with

Mr. Rabin for 75 minutes. They were then joined by their aides for another two hours and 15 minutes.

Mr. Rabin was to meet with lawmakers, including key members of the Senate and House appropriations committees Tues-

Mr. Rabin emerged from the sessions with Mr. Clinton saying he was "ready for compromise and was prepared to relinquish part of the strategic Golan Heights it had seized from Syria. But he said Israel would not negotiate a pullback in the territory without knowing Syria's peace terms.

Mr. Clinton said Mr. Rabin was prepared "to take risks for peace," and the Israeli leader confirmed it.

"We made it clear that we accept the principle of the withdrawal of the armed forces of Israel on the Golan Heights to a secure and recognised boundary," Mr. Rabin said. "But we will not enter negotiations on the dimension of the withdrawal without knowing what kind of peace Syria offers us."

He asked, for instance, whether it would involve an exchange of ambassadors and a normalisation of relations. "Before we know that, why do I bave to say how much will we withdraw?" Mr. Rabin asked.

The administration is proceeding on the assumption Syria, Jordan and Lebanon would send delegations to the peace talks even if the Palestinians stayed away.

The Palestinians are demanding that Israel immediately repatriate 396 expellees forced into Lebaoon in mid-December.

Clinton-Rabin talks dismay Palestinians

who say it was insufficient, were not consulted.

In contrast to strained relations between former President George Bush and Mr. Rabin's predecessor Yitzhak Shamir, the new leaders emphasised close ties etween Washington and Israel.
In Amman, PLO Executive a unilateral solution could be between Washington and Israel.

Committee member Tayseer Khaled expressed dismay at the outcome of the Clinton-Rabin "These talks show the new

U.S. administration's total bias towards Rabin's policies by encouraging Israel to continue shunning principles of international legitimacy and to continue violating human rights in the occupied territories.

Mr. Khaled said the fact that they did not raise the expellee issue in their talks "was a clear proof that the U.S. is giving priority to developing ties with

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Israel instead of looking into ways to remove obstacles placed immediately and the rest by the by Rabin's government in the end of the year. The Palestinians, way of a balanced settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

> In Damascus, Nayef Hawatmeh, leader of the Damascusbased Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), accused Clinton of trying to divide Arab countries.

> achieved on the Syrian front to force other Arab parties especially the Palestinians to capitulate to U.S. and Israeli conditions for peace," he said. Fathi Shukaki, head of the

fundamentalist group Islamic Jihad to which many expellees belong, accused Mr. Clinton of putting the interest of Israel above internatioanl law." The 396 expelces still in South

Lebanon were shaken by Mr. Clinton's statement that the expulsions had not been mentioned but vowed to stand firm until they could all return home together.

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"The most important issue on the international arena is the deportees' case. I stress that our case was discussed between Bill Clinton and Rabin and it was the first issue in their talks." In Tunis, a PLO advocate of

Palestinian participation express-ed profound disappointment. Our hopes have been

dashed." he said.

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the terrorists to defeat us." he told Israel Kadio.

2 more suspects sought in bombing

The clashes in Khan Younis began after a homemade bomb was thrown at troops as residents emerged from a curfew imposed last Friday, the army said. No soldiers were injured.

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Fighting between stone-throwing Palestinians and soldiers spread throughout the

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Palestinians and the Arabs and appeared to have been hit in the legs by army snipers. The local hospital said it treated 70 Palestinians for bullet wounds and admitted 50 of them. including four in critical condi-

squalid camp. Witnesses said

most of the Palestinians wounded

tion. One was taken to Israel for treatment. It was the bloodiest day in the occupied territories since Dec. 19, when six Palestinians were killed and 30 wounded in Khan

Younis in the aftermath of Israel's expulsion of Palestinians to Lebanon on Dec. 17. Violence in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip has risen sharply since the expulsion of 415

Palestinians. In that period Israelis have killed at least 58 Palestinians and Palestinians have killed at least 10 Israelis. Palestinians and human rights groups, in turn, say indiscriminate shooting by soldiers has caused a sharp rise in the number of Palestinian deaths.

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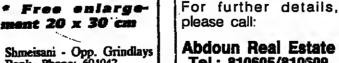




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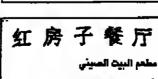
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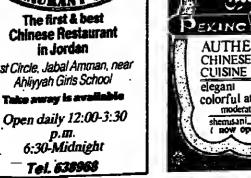


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Ninth-seeded Michael Stich came close to being the next upset victim hut escaped with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 decision over 73rdranked Frenchman Rodolphe Gilbert.

Earlier, defending champion Michael Chang, the seventh seed, was stunned by South African Marcos Ondruska 7-5, 6-1 in the second round. The seventhranked Chang wilted against the 48th-ranked Ondruska's powerful groundstrokes and finely-tuned

Other top seeds posted easy victories.

In men's second-round action, top-seeded Jim Courier of the United States won a 6-2, 6-2 decision over Byron Black of Zimbabwe. Third-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden defeated Mexican Leonardo Lavalle 6-4, 6-3.

In women's third-round play. second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain beat American Ann Grossman 6-0, 6-2. Third seed Gahriela Sabatini of Argentina took a 6-2, 7-5 victory over South African Dinky Van Rens-

hurg.
The sixth-ranked Capriati suffered a frustrating and inexplic-

"I can't believe I lost," said Capriati, 16, "I had high expectations. I'd say I'm very disappointed. I'm working hard and felt good coming to this tourna-

The 25th-ranked Wiesner pounded shots over and Capriati answered the assault just as her opponent hoped - with defensive attempts to keep the hall in

play and frequent errors.
"She played well and got everything hack," said Capriati. who is 2-2 against Wiesner in



A disappointed Jennifer Capriati

miss. I was the one missing. I could've heen more aggressive on

"I had beaten her before, so I knew I could do it," said Wiesner of Capriati. "I never had a hig win like this in '92 or this year.

Capriati has played in only three events this year hecause a stomach muscle pull kept her out of action in February. She started the year with a bang, winning the Sydney New South Wales Open title in January. She lost to Steffi Graf in the quarter-finals at the

Australian Open. For Wiesner, the 1990 finalist here, this is the fifth event of the who is 2-2 against Wiesner in career meetings. "She didn't 1993 so far was reaching the

semifinals at Linz, Austria. The 10th-ranked Stich was suralmost every shot. prised by Gilbert's excellent serving. Stich, the ace king, had 11 in

> with nine After losing the first set, Stich fell behind 2-0 in the second set. But he kept trying and broke

even in the sixth game. He scored the remaining two service breaks in the match - in the eighth game of the second set and the fifth game of the final set.

the three sets. Gilbert came close

"I was very cold out there and found it tough to get into the match," said Stich. "He played very well and served really big. Once I broke him, I got into the

World Youth Soccer Championship

England face semifinal injury problems

SYDNEY (R) — Under-prepared England are likely to face the precocious talent of Afri-arriving in Australia. can champions Ghana in the semifinals of the World Youth Soccer Championship Wednes-day without two of their key from injury, was Tuesday named to Australia's Davis Cup team to play a below-strength United

Tottenham Hotspur teenager Nick Barmby is still troubled by States in Melbourne this month. Stoltenberg, 22, joins the counsore shins and a knee problem while Chelsea defender Andy try's two top-ranked singles players, Wally Masur and Mark Woodforde, and Todd Wood-Myers is io doubt with bruised hridge for the first-round tie against the defending champions Neither player joined the squad during an 80-minute work-

to be played on grass at Kooyong from March 26-28. out Tuesday. "At this stage you'd have to say Barmby was very doubtful and Myers doubtful," said England He justified his inclusion in the team at the \$3 million Lipton Championships in Key Biscayne manager David Burnside. this week with wins over Amer-

The cast-iron England defence, which bas only conceded one goal ican team member David Wheaton and Spain's Emilio Sanin four games and has been inchez in the first two rounds. strumental in taking them to the The Americans, represented in semifinal, relies beavily on Myers the singles by Wheaton and Brad whose speed would be sorely missed against the fast and tricky Gilhert and hacked by the leading doubles team of Jim Grahh and Ghanians.

Richey Reneberg, arrive in Mel-Oldham Athletic defender Marvin Harriott is likely to re-place Myers while Leicester Ci-Australian captain Neale Fraser said his team had a good ty's Jason Joachim will deputise chance against a depleted United for Barmhy.

England will go into the match as underdogs against a Ghana side who easily despatched Russia 3-0 in the quarter-finals.

"Ghana are a well-organised team of outstanding individuals," Burnside said, ruing the fact that

In contrast, Ghana will field

many of the players who won the Under-17 World Cup two years ago and who have in teenage Anderlecht star Nii Lamptey one of the most gifted players in world soccer.

In the second semifinal in Melbourne, Brazil, bidding from a record third toornament win, are favourites to beat hosts Australia with their coach Julio Leal saying his side has peaked at the right

'We don't have to improve too moch because we are playing very well at the moment," said Leal, whose side easily whipped the United states 3-0 in the quarter-

"We have got better with every game and technically we have organised ourselves very well. But the Australians, who reached the semifinals in 1991.

boast a creditable record against Brazil with one win and three draws in six games during the last four months

Australian coach Les Scheinflug said the Brazilians were beatable and claimed his players would not be intimated by the opposition's lofty reputation.

"I saw the Americans get stage-fright against them. Scheinflug said. "They let them do whatever they wanted to."

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY MARCH 17, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A very good moming to establish the good neighbour policy where you are living and to show others that you are one who enjoys entertainment and recreation that involveyour creative skills.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Look at your assets and see what you can do to increase their value and appearance this morning while tonight go after new idealistic courses for getting ahead.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Personal progress towards material goods is possible after breakfast so delve into possible courses, then get into the financial requirments. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You can think out a campaign to gain your secret longings after which consider the personal part you will play in this drama and make head-

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You bave experienced pal who will show you how to get the things you want the most after which put in motion a quiet plan to gain them.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Let cone of influence know how that person can further your worldly ambitions after which get your friends and acquaintances to lend a

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You have some very good ideas for your own personal growth and

development and later you can take them to a bigwig to get outside hacking you require.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You can enjoy romantic moments in the morning with your

attachment this day before you go out with some new acquaintances who are well informed in your strong views. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Come to a new arrangement about a joint venture with an experi partner and then you will later be able to carry it through 10 a

successful conclusion. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Your schedule for the coming days can be well arranged during the morning and then those involved know to have

greatest operative skill. CAPRICORN: (December 22 10 January 20) Gel sel on the various good times you anticip: te and then you can add to oncoming pleasures by adding some factors not consi-dered before this.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) GEt your home in the best shape and condition after which you will be able to join with the persons you like most in all sorts of

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Get out, see and be with interesting persons and places in the morning and enhance your knowledge, understand; then be happy with your home pleasures.

Marseille look to Voeller and Boksic for goals

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

MARSEILLE (R) - French champions Marseille hope the return of the Rudi Voeller-Alen Boksic partnership will solve a chronic goal shortage when they meet CSKA Moscow in Group A of the European Cup Wednesday. Injuries to German Voeller and Croat Boksic have humted the Marseille attack of late but both are expected to be fit again to face the Russians in a game where goals will be needed to boost their chances of reaching this year's European Cup final. Meanwhile Swedish champions IFK Gothenburg aim for a second successive victory over PSV Eindhoven Wednesday to boost their unlikely challenge to AC Milan for a place in the European Cup final.

Kasparov predicts exciting battle against Short

LINARES (R) - World chess champion Garry Kasparov Monday promised an exciting defence of his title against challenger Nigel Short. "I think this World Championship match will produce more exciting games than previous matches. My aim is not just to retain the title but to play great games and win convincingly," he told reporters. Kasparov said the remoteness of Linares had enabled him to ignore the storm over his break with the International Chess Federation (FIDE). Commenting on his game against fellow-Russian ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov, he said: "Karpov is not good at resisting strong attacks any

Limoges hit back to force playoff

LIMOGES (R) - Limoges came from behind to force a playoff after a 59-53 win over Olympiakos of Greece in thier European Clubs' Championship quarter-final Monday. Limoges, who lost the first leg in Greece 70-67 last week, trailed 23-21 at the end of a bighly-defensive first half in which their nerves seemed to get the better of them. The French side converted a meagre 30 per cent of their attempted baskets in that period. But the second half was a different affair with Slovene Juri Zdovc inspiring Limoges by

Lazio see bright future

ROME (R) — Lazio, inspired by Paul Gascoigne to outplay runaway Italian league leaders AC Milan, are planning to build a super team. "We'll change and renovate our defence (for next season). I have hig surprises in mind and we're working to put together a great team," Lazio's delighted President Sergio Cragnotti said after Sunday's 2-2 draw at Rome's Olympic Stadium. "We could have won, you cannot make Milan two presents like that." Cragnotti added after his team's fighting performance. Lazio came back brilliantly after Milan had taken a somewhat fortunate early 2-0 lead with a superb Jean-Pierre Papin goal and a header into his own net by Dutchman Aaron Winter. Milan, beaten for the first time in 11 months when they lost an Italian Cup semifinal tie to AS Roma on the same pitch five days earlier, managed to extend their unbeaten league run to an astonishing 58 matches. But coach Fahio Capello is worried that his players are succumbing to mental fatigue.

Atlanta Olympic preparations on course ATLANTA (R) - Atlanta was dule

still shivering on Monday in the wake of savage weekend blizzards hut there was apparently not a storm cloud in sight on the Olympic front.

After the alarms and excursions over negotiations for the main stadium and the on-off saga of golf's place in the 1996 Atlanta Games, all was sweetness and light when the organising committee delivered a progress report to the IOC Executive Board.

The International Olympic Committee expressed fears last week that protracted negotiations to secure the land for the main stadium threatened to put the games construction programme behind schedule,

But Atlanta Games boss Billy Payne brought a thaw to the conference table, if not the weather, by stressing that construction was still bang on sche-

"It was a very professional and complete presentation which settled any nervousness the executive board might have felt. "Our concerns about the con-

struction schedule were allayed and the executive board came away with their confidence reinforced," Gosper added. Less than a week ago the organisers seemed ready to put them-

selves on a collision course with the IOC over the stadium issue. Local authorities had threatened to veto a plan to huild a showpiece \$207 million stadium which would he converted after

the Olympics for use by the Atlanta Braves haseball team. The games organisers responded to the veto threat by saying that if necessary they would huild a temporary stadium which would be torn down after the games — an option that would not have been acceptable to the IOC.

But the original plan was saved at the 11th hour by a compromise deal which reduced the postgames maintenance costs to local taxpayers and ensured more black representation on the Milan which last week withdrev Olympic organising committee.

The near-stalemate was characterised Monday as no more than "healthy debate" hy Payne, who told a news conference:

"In a sense, we said to the executive board that they should not interpret the healthy debate we had as an indication that we are getting behind schedule, because we're not."

Payne's controversial attempts to include gold in the centenary Olympics foundered in January.

largely because of membership restrictions at the Augusta
National Club, the proposed
venue, which has only one black,
member and no women.

Asked whether golf had been
mentioned in Monday's discus-

Australia

Davis Cup

SYDNEY (R) — Jason Stolten-berg, rapidly climbing up the tennis rankings after a comeback

bourne at the weekend.

"I'm quietly confident, we will

certainly be giving it everything we have got," he said in a news

Woodforde, the highest-

ranked Australian at 22, also

tuned up for the cup tie with a

second round 6-1, 6-3 victory at

Key Biscayne over Switzerland's

The top-seeded United States

named their team after leading

players, world number one Jim

Courier, Andre Agassi, Michael Chang and Pete Sampras, refused

Australia will be returning to

the scene of their last Davis Cup

rated Sweden in 1986, thanks

mainly to Pat Cash, who has been ruled out of this rubber by injury.

triumph where it defeated highly-

Claudio Mezzadri.

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sions, Gosper said: "Golf is history now, a dead issue."

Earlier in the day the executive board received a delegation from as a candidate for the 2000

Milan pulled out because of the storm of political corruption sweeping Italy but bid officials were eager to make a last grand gesture by travelling to Atlanta to say an emotional farewell to IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Samaranch in turn thanked Milan for the work it had done on the 2000 hid and urged the city to apply again for 2004.

Peanuts



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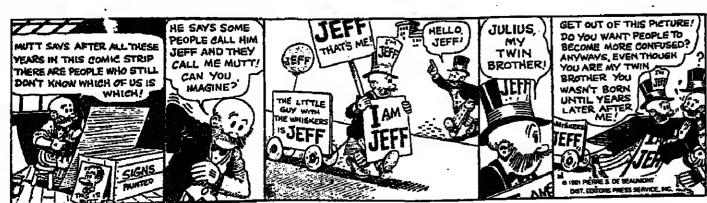




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perform the same function if you use your assets wisely.

East's two-heart jump overcall was preemptive. With only three queens, South had nothing to say, but when North showed a good, distributional hand by bidding second

suit at the three-level, South gave additional weight to the queens in partner's suits and optimistically elected to try for a nine-trick contract at no trump rather than 11 at

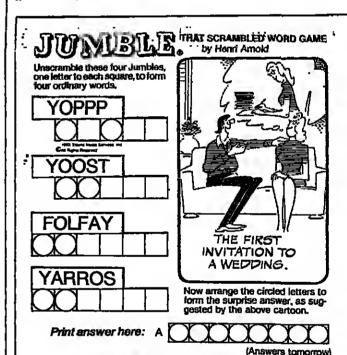
West led the jack of hearts and East let it run. If declarer wins the queen, the contract will be defeated. Even with the spade finesse work-ing, declarer has only eight running tricks without diamonds. The moment declarer attacks that suit, West can grab the ace and the de-fenders will then be able to reel off at least four heart tricks for a onetrick set.

The overcall and the lead mark East with the ace and king of hearts, so declarer can afford to let the first heart win. The defenders are now helpless. Nn matter how they continue, declarer will be able to force out the ace of diamonds and come to

out the set of management that this a sure-trick line? Almost, for East is unlikely to have made a preemptive jump with an outside ace or king and a six-card suit head-ed by the two top honors. Still, in these days of off-best preempts, we are not prepared to offer long odds

THE BETTER HALF. By Glasbergen GLASBERGEN

"You're drinking a toast to me with pizza grease? How disgustingly romantic!"



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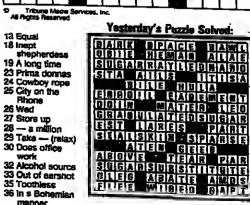
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BBME '92 profits soar

MANAMA (R) — The British Bank of the Middle East (BBME) said a sharp drop in the value of sterling helped its net profits soar 79.5 per cent in 1992. A bank statement said BBME posted a £68.1 million (\$98.06 million) net profit in 1992 compared with £37.93 million (\$54.62 million) the previous year. BBME Chairman William Purves said in the statement most regional states experienced a year of satisfactory economic growth, stimulated in part by robust demand for imports. "Demand was particularly strong in the United Arab Emi-rates, where government investment. which included several significant in-frastructure projects, also helped to boost the economy," the statement said. BBME is part of HSBC Holdings PLC., the holding company of Hengkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd.

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Emirates borrows \$100 m to fund Airbus deal

Emirates Airlines bas negotiated a \$100 million loan with a consortium of five European banks to pay for two Airbus jetliners to be delivered this year, a company spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The 10-year deal at a fixed annual rate of 7.58 per cent was signed with British banks Morgan Grenfell International Ltd and Barclays Bank PLC, France Banque Indosuez, and German banks Deutsche Girozentrale and Kreditanstait fur Wideraufbau Mon-

A company statement said the aircraft, an A310-300 and an A300-600R, would be delivered in April and November this year to complete Emirates' Airbus

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DUBAI (R) — Dubai-owned Morgan \$20 million, Barclays \$10 million and the two German banks \$40 million between them. Industry sources said the loan covered the whole cost of the two aircraft. "For this moment, this agree-

ment completes financing arrangements for all Emirates contracted deliveries of Airbus aircraft," the company statement Emirates is owned by the government of Dubai and was set up

in 1985 to serve a regional market long dominated by Gulf Air, the airline jointly owned by the governments of Bahrain, Qalar, Oman and the UAE state of Abu Dhabi. The company would not put a

so far obtained to complete its Airbus fleet. It said plans for financing a new generation of Boeing 777's aircraft were "well advanced." It did not

value on the total in loans it has

Boeing Company of the United States in 1992 won a \$2 billion contract to supply Emirates with

up to 14 Boeing 777 planes.

The total value included orders for seven Boeiog 777s to be delivered between 1996 and 1997, options for seven more and 36 Rolls-Royce RB211 Trent 800

Germans march for jobs, wages

LEIPZIG (R) — More than 22,000 workers demonstrated in eastern Germany Monday against a broken wage agreement and soaring unemployment, unions

Over 20,000 took to the streets in Leipzig uoder the motto "that's enough." It was the first demonstration here since regular Monday railies in late 1989 and early 1990 to bring down communist rule and speed unifica-

10 Dresden, about 2,000 took to the streets and hundreds more railied in the eastern town of Frankfurt on the Oder, police

Carrying banners reading "we have the right to work," the Leipzig protestors voiced distress at the de-industrialisation of eastern Germany and demanded employers uphold a wage deal for a 26 per cent pay rise due on April

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Strike over wages hits southern Yemen

ADEN (R) — A general strike paralysed southern Yemen Tuesday as angry workers demonstrated the control of the c trated in Aden to protest the government's failure to pay pub-lie employees for the past three

Residents said no incidents were reported as all public and private businesses were shut for the day, except for the airport. hospitals and petrol stations.

Office workers gathered outside their places or work in response of the one-day strike call by angry labour unions who accuse the central government in Sanaa of neglecting the southern provinces of the country that was united three years ago.

Troubled New York

snarling edition

NEW YORK (R) — The New York Post, the city's oldest news-

paper, graphically shed a tear for

itself Tuesday and asked readers

for help against a takeover bid.

said could be one of its final

editions, the newspaper which

survived daily street warfare since

1801 published a picture of

founder Alexander Hamilton,

with a single tear running down

Inside, in an unprecedented

eleventh-hour revolt the troubled

daly asked readers for help: "Our

paper is being taken over by .. a

man we believe will destroy the

Post, a part of this great city for

The desperate editorial refer-

red to the paper's new prospec-tive owner, New York real estate

A bankruptcy judge last Friday

ruled that Mr. Hirschfeld could

buy the Post, the oation's longest

continuously published newspap-

er. On Monday, the paper filed for bankruptcy while its top edi-

tors and journalists fought a tug

of war with their prospective

Seventy-one reporters and edi-

tors were fired, although later in

the day all but one of the firings

In its urgent appeal Tuesday,

the newspaper referred to the 73-year-old Hirschfeld as a "nut"

and a "slob" and published a 1990 photograph of him spitting at a Miami reporter who had

"Who is this nut?" the news-

paper said in a headline above the

written critically about him.

were rescinded.

paper said.

developer Abe Hirschfeld. .

his face.

192 years."

On the front page of what it

Post publishes weeping,

They also complain of high inflation and bave called for further demonstrations for Sun-

Cost-of-living protests sparked food riots in the northern part of Yemen last December in which 12 people were killed, but the unrest did not spread to the south at that time.

The new crisis comes as the government prepares for general elections in April, the first since the conservative north and radical-ruled south Yemen merged in 1990.

Government employees in south Yemen, including the armed forces, police and teachers, say they have not been paid for three months because the Central Bank of Yemen ran out market) in Feburary. of banknotes in a cash economy where the banking system is

underdeveloped. Banking sources and diplomats said the crisis was partly caused by a government decision to withdraw old notes before it received new ones valued at 100 billion

rivals (\$8.33 billion). Bankers said printing errors were discovered in one batch of the new notes and they had been returned abroad for reprinting. Fresh notes were expected next week, they added.

The Central Bank of Yemen started to circulate new banknotes with a denomination of 50

The sources said that the central bank in Sanaa has in the last few days sent about 40 million riyals (\$4.8 million) to its cashstrapped branch in Aden to help

pay public sector wages. A labour union statement said Monday the crisis was partly due to the government's policy of centralising decisions in the authorities.

It urged the government to take quick measures "to curb the insane rise in prices, solve the public sector problem by providing cash to pay public sector employees, including the armed forces and police.

China announces big budget deficit for '93

announced a higher-than-forecast budget deficit for last year and another huge shortfall this year - the price of propping up loss-making industry and financing

ment Tuesday, Lio Zhongli said the 1992 deficit was 2.96 billion yuan (\$519 million) over target at 23.74 billion yuan (\$4.16 billion).

20.5 billion yuan (\$3.59 bilion),

higher under certain international calculations if proceeds of foreign borrowing and domestic debt were added. That would swell this year's figure by 63.9 billion yuan

It will no longer be the Post 1 wrote for," said Mr. Koch.

West Indian-born Hamilton, one of the conotry's founding fathers,

version of the Hitler-Stalin pact."

photograph of the expectorating We believe Mr. Hirschfeld's ty's blacks. basie ignorance of the way our business operates - and his re-Mr. Hirschfeld in a radio interthe Post will permanently cease publicatioo in days," the news-

At the Post newsroom, staffers said they were praying for a miracle.

Tom Bonfiglio, an editorial assistant, said there had been no reaction from Mr. Hirschfeld on the unprecedented printed

"Not a word from the guy. We hope Abe will just drop it, get rid of it. We're really praying," said Mr. Bonfiglio.

Several state figures, including Governor Mario Cuomo, expressed an interest in looking for investors to prevent Mr. Hirschfeld from taking over the tab-

The newspaper said Tuesday that many important advertisers were ready to pull out if the sale to Mr. Hirschfeld went through and appealed to readers to telephone the real estate tycoon and ask bim to pass on onwership to "someone who will allow it to

Inside, the Post's regular columnists and journalists devoted page after page to attacks on Mr. Hirschfeld and his choice for editor-in-chief, Bill Tatum. Mr. Tatum is the editor and

part owner of the Amsterdam News, the city's biggest and oldest black weekly. Post gossip columns were filled with tart and dated items on both

Former New York mayor Ed Koch annouoced he was quitting as a columnist. He became the

target of weekly criticism by Mr. Tatum for much of his tenure as "1 think they are destroying what was once a great newspaper.

Columnist Cindy Adams said the newspaper was "going down the toilet," along with much else that had been established by

in New York. And veteran writer Jack Newfield, comparing the tumult to World War II-era Poland, said it was like "The Marx brothers

Some articles accused Mr. Tatum, whose wife is white, of using the Amsterdam News to encoorage anti-Semitism and anti-white feeling among the ci-

want to be the owner, saying, "all I know and I hope is Governor Cnomo can come here with enough money and buy it."

Mr. Hirschfeld last week received permission to buy the Post after a bankruptcy judge ruled that another suitor, Steven Hoffenberg, could not buy the paper because a fraud case brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission prevented him from spending money on the newspap-

Known for its abrasive style and punning headlines, the Post has been fighting for survival since earlier this year, when the creditors of its current owner. Peter Kalikow, refused to loan him any more money.

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BEIJING (R) - China localities did too many things and

runaway investment. In his budget speech to parlia-

This year's deficit will fall to

he said, but nevertheless China faces "great financial difficulties."
The deficits would be much

(\$11.2 billion).

China's central finances have been crippled because tax revenues have failed to keep pace with an explosive increase in spending on capital construction projects, which powered economic growth last year of 12.8 per

Jumping oo the bandwagon of economic reform, local governments with big ambitions bave launched an investment binge regardless of returns.

At the same time, Beijing has been impoverished by the crumbling of state industry, which once accounted for almost all industri al production but now accounts for 55 per cent. Central government relies on state enterprises for about 70 per cent of its

"Certain departments and year.

launched too many projects without taking into consideration their ability and financial capacity," Mr. Liu said. He complained of an overstuf-

fed bureaucracy, local authorities handing out too many tax breaks to industry and lax economie that led to "extravagance and waste." Diplomats said Mr. Liu's

speech, while conceding certain problems, still left the impression the government was not too concerned about its fiscal straits. 'There's precious little in the

way of recognising the real scope of the problem. They still seem to be saying everything is wonderful," said one Weslern envoy. Total revenues for 1993 are set

at 452.23 billion yuan (\$79.33 billion), up eight per cent over 1992. Expenditure is 472,737 billion yuan (\$82.93 billion), a rise of 6.8 per cent. Domestic bond issues this year

will amount to 37 billion yuan (\$6.49 billion), with foreign debt of 26.9 billion (\$4.71 billion). Mr. Liu offered some hope for

collapsing state industry, the country's biggest economic worry, saying a campaign to shake-up the socialist sector with capitaliststyle methods has begun to show

There was an overall reduction of 4.2 perceotage points in the losses of government enterprises in 1992, be said.

Total industrial subsidies this year are forecast at 38.85 billion

yuan (\$6.8 billion) compared with 44.57 billion (\$7.8 billion) last

Renault '92 profit surges after strong car sales of the (overall market) decline by

(R) - French statecontrolled car and truck firm Renault has said that its best car sales for nine years drove its net profit up 84 per cent to 5.68 billion francs (\$1.00 billion) io

But Louis Schweitzer, chairman of Regie Nationale des' Usines Renault, struck a note of caution at a news conference to present the company's results, predicting a drop in profit this

"With a market that will decline by nine to 10 per cent 1 think it would be utterly unreasonable to think of an increase," he said.
"I think our profits will fall in

Despite his gloom about 1993, Mr. Schweitzer said be hoped that Renault would limit the drop n car sales to about half the nine to 10 per cent drop expected in the overall European market.

"In our forecasts, we hope to be able to make up for about half

increasing our share with new products," he said. Renaolt's operating profit jumped by 70 per cent from 1991

to 7.92 billion francs (\$1.40 billioo) on sales that were eight per cent higher at 179.45 billion francs (\$31.70 billion). The result came despite a 1.38

billion franc (\$244 million) loss from its holdings in Sweden's Volvo A.B., a deficit at its car and truck unit Renault Vehicules Industriels (RVI) and a 600 million franc (\$106 million) loss from the fall in value of the British pound and Italian lira.

In 1991 Volvo's losses cost Renault just 12 million francs (\$2.1 million). Bot Mr. Schweitzer said there were signs of recovery at its Swedish partner.

Car sales, which account for 83.6 per cent of Renault's turnov. er rose to 150 billioo francs (\$26.5 billion) from 133.9 billion (\$23.6 billion) in 1991.

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Nude Diana cartoons

LONDON (R) — Cartoons despicting a nude Princess Diana have heen dropped from a British television documentary after an outcry among royalists who said the drawings were an affront to public decency. The artists' impressions of the extranged wife of heir to the

estranged wife of heir to the

throne Prince Charles in various

states of undress were commis-

sioned for Diana Unclothed, a

documentary due to be broadcast

about the princess's sex appeal. A spokesman for Channel 4 televi-

sion said Monday that senior ex-

ecutives had decided that car-

toons of the princess in the nude

were considered "inappropriate

and unnecessary to get over the

message of the programme". But

the spokesman said one brief

cartoon sequence of the 3I-year-

old princess doing a striptease to

her underwear would still be

broadcast. Selected pictures from

the programme appeared on the

front page of a top-selling British tabloid newspaper Friday. The

documentary, presented by feminist author Camille Paglia,

has been billed as a serious look

at Diana's elevation from English

aristocrat to worldwide "sex sym-

bol". The cartoons have been

condemned by several Conserva-

tive politicians as "exceeding the

JAKARTA (R) — A Dayak tribesman in Indonesian Borneo

is suring a district official for

squeezing him out of a lucrative

business in birds' nests, the Jakar-

ta Post said. The suit, filed in a

Jakarta court, calls for the annul-

ment of a four-month old decree

that turns the collection and sale

of the nests over to a local

businessman. The villager is

being represented by the Legal

Aid Institute, Indonesia's leading human rights group. The prized swallows' nests, found in caves,

are in demand for local medicines

and an expensive Chinese soup.

realms of common decency.

Borneo official in

soup over birds

nest monopoly

axed after outcry

China to boost defence budget

PEKING (R) — China will boost its defence spending by 12.4 per cent in 1993, the fourth year in a row the Communist Party has given a hefty raise to the troops that crushed pro-democracy unrest in 1989.

The increase, announced by Finance Minister Liu Zhongli in parliament Tuesday, compares with a rise of 9.8 per cent for education and 10.8 per cent for science and technology.

Mr. Liu said the national defence budget would rise to 42.5 billion yuan (\$7.5 billion), up from the 37.8 billion yuan (\$6.6

billion) spend last year.

Defence spending ran 2.1 per cent over hudget last year, he

The defence budget does not count 44.45 billion (\$7.8 billion) allocated for administrative expenses "for huilding up the national strength."

There were no details as to what that money will be used for. China will dissolve seven of its ministries and establish six new ministries as part of its programme of government restructuring, Xinhua News Agency said Tues-

Under the plan submitted to parliament Tuesday, the following seven ministries will be abolished: Ministry of Energy Resources, Ministry of Machinery and Electronics Industry, Ministry of Aerospace Industry, Ministry of Light Industry, Ministry of Textile Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Materials and Equipment.

The new ministries and a commission with ministerial rank will be: State Economic and Trade Commission, Ministry of Power Industry, Ministry of Coal Industry, Ministry of Machine-Building Industry, Ministry of Electronics Industry and Ministry of Internal

The Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade will change its name to the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, Xinhua said.

Meanwhile, deputies to China's parliament asked Peking Tuesday to do everything possible to ensure a smooth transition of power in Hong Kong because of the row with London over plans for the British colony.

While the signed statement by Macau printed in the People's Daily did not make clear what those measures should be, its publication was clearly intended to rehuff British Foreign Secret-ary Douglas Hurd, who said London remained ready for talks.

Peking is furious over Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten's plans for more democracy in the territory ahead of its return to Chinese rule in 1997. We...strongly denounce

Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten for his grave acts of repeatedly trampling on Hong Kong's popular will, sabotaging Sino-British cooperation, and disrupting a smooth transfer of power and a smooth transition in Hong Kong," the deputies statement

"We propose that the Chinese government take all necessary contingency measures and make proper preparation to ensure the smooth transfer of power ... in

Hong Kong."
The deputies said they fully supported Premier Li Peng's warning Monday that Britain would have to bear all responsibility for the serious consequences resulting from the row with London over the democracy

plans. Mr. Patten responded defiantly Tuesday to the blistering attack from Mr. Li, saying debate on the territory's future would go on however strident the blasts from

Speaking after a meeong of the colonial cabinet, the Executive Council, Mr. Patten did not name names. But he made clear he was replying to Mr. Li, who Monday described Mr. Patten's democratic reforms as a perfidious betrayal of Sino-British agreements.

"I don't intend to use the sort of language which has very often been used about Hong Kong by others," he told reporters when asked to react to Mr. Li's speech at China's parliament.

But he added: "As has been the case consistently for the last few months, whatever the words used about Hong Kong and the Hong Kong governor, we'll continue to discuss the future of Hong Kong positively and con-

structively. China began showering Mr. Patten with threats and abuse as soon as he proposed democratic reforms last October, but he has refused to back down despite heavy pressure from the conservative local business commun-

Bosnian Serbs promise U.N. convoys can go in

SARAJEVO (R) — Bosnian peace talks with Muslim and Serb leader Radovan Karadzic Croat leaders. assured the U.N.'s top official for refugees Tuesday that blocked relief convoys would be allowed in to trapped Muslim towns in Bosnia, a U.N. spokeswoman

Sbe said Mr. Karadzic was tele-phoned Tuesday by U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata from Geneva and, in the presence of Serbian President Ślobodan Milosevic, had promised to let in a number of convoys that are currently stalled at the border.

UNHCR spokeswoman Lyn-dall Sachs said Mr. Karadzic had also given assurances that aid workers would be let in to the besieged Muslim town of Srehrenica, and that the sick and wounded could be evacuated including combatants, provided

they surrendered their arms. Earlier the UNHCR had said it would not allow a relief convoy to proceed to Srebrenica in east Bosnia after Bosnian Serbs had refused to allow it to have a U.N. military escort or radio com-

Other U.N. convoys to the Bosnian capital Sarajevo and the Muslim stronghold of Tuzla in northern Bosnia, both under Serb siege for 11 months, were also stalled at the border waiting for clearance from Bosnian Serbs.

Mr. Karadzic, who said Mon-day that no U.N. military escorts would be allowed on Serb-held territory in Bosnia, was due to fly to New York later Tuesday for

Altissimo assured his party.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

ROME (R) — The head of the Liberal Party, a junior partner in

the ruling coalition, resigned Tuesday, a day after coming under

investigation in Italy's huge corruption scandal, state television

reported. Renato Altissimo said in a letter to his party chairman

that he was resigning "in order to have a freer hand to defend my

honour" and denied that he had ever taken any bribes.

Magistrates Monday put Mr. Altissimo under inquiry over

allegations he had received kick-backs from the state-owned

power utility ENEL. In his letter, Mr. Altissimo said he had been

officially notified Tuesday that be was under investigation. As an

MP, Mr. Altissimo has immunity from prosecution. "I have never

ever been involved in any cases of corruption or bribes," Mr.

BOMBAY (AP) — FBI and Interpol agents set to work Tuesday, examining the debris left from a series of bombs that struck this

country's financial centre. Indian Home Ministry officials who

confirmed the American agents' arrival said they may compare

the car bombs used in Bombay with the Feb. 26 explosion at the

and 1,100 wounded in 13 bomb blasts in Bombay last Friday. The

New York explosion two weeks earlier killed six and wounded

1,000. In both cides, car bombs exploded in the garages below

towers housing major financial institutions and business offices.

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao has said the purpose of the

Bombay assault was to undermine India's financial stability and

sabotage its efforts to revitalise its economy. But he did not assign

Chinese consul seeks asvium in Sweden

STOCKHOLM (R) — China's consul-general in St. Petersburg and his wife have asked for political asylum in Sweden, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said Tuesday. "I can confirm that he is in

Sweden. He has asked for poliocal asylum," Caroline Fleetwood told Reuters. "He went to the police yesterday to ask for permanent residency. The police will carry out an investigation

and then it will be handed over to the immigration board," she

said. St. Petersburg Television said Monday that Fan Li Chen and

his wife were last seen by their driver after he left them at a

restaurant in Russia's second city around midday Saturday. Stockbolm police official Nils-Erik Palstedt told the Swedish

News Agency (TT) that Mr. Fan and his wife, both in their 50s,

arrived from St. Petersburg by ship Monday and are staying at an

MOSCOW (R) — Fighting intensified Tueday in Georgia's rebel region of Abkhazia and Georgia accused Russian troops of taking the side of Abkhazian separatists. "Heavy fighting is taking place.

There are many losses, including among the population," local journalists quoted Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze as

telling parliament in the capital Toilisi. "After today's events I can say that we are facing a conflict between Georgia and Russia." Mr. Shevardnadze, the last foreign minister of the former Soviet Union, said Ahkhazian rebels had used Russian

planes to homb the regional capital Sukhumi and were using Russian artillery to launch a major offensive on the Balck Sea

town. In Moscow, the Defence Ministry press service said Russian

troops stationed in the region were neutral in the conflict. Troops

deployed in Ahkhazia had been put on high laert "due to the

aggravation of situation," a spokesman said. They had been ordered to shoot to kill to rebuff any armed attack, irrespective of

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (R) — An avalanche killed at least 28 people when it hit a village in moutnainous northwestern Pakistan, government officials said Tuesday. The avalanche,

loosened by recent rains, roared down from a glacier and swept away 20 houses in a village in Swat district of North West Frontier Province Sunday, officials added. The dead included 19 children.

Radio Pakistan said heavy rains in the past few days killed 35

people and injured eight in the Mardan district of the province.

HAVANA (R) - Cuban President Fidel Castro was re-elected to

what, by his own admission, might be his last five years in office.

In a unanimous vote by the National Assembly (parliament) of

the Communist-ruled island, the 66-year-old leader was recon-

firmed as president of the ruling Council of State. As council

president, he is both head of state and government. His brother,

Armed Forces Minister Raul Castro, was re-elected as first

vice-president of the council. Thirteen other members of the

31-member council were re-elected, while the remaining I6

members appointed were all new reflecting a clear, intention to

inject new blood and talent into the leadership of the Cuban state.

It may be Mr. Castro's last five years in office. On two separate

occasions following Cuba's first direct parliamentary elections

last Feb. 24, the veteran leader publicly indicated he might prefer

Avalanche, rains kill 63 in Pakistan

Cuban president re-elected

to step down in five years' time.

the nadonality of the attackers.

Fighting intensifies in Abkhazia

FBi starts to help in India bomb probe

italy's Liberal Party chief resigns

Muslim President Aliia Izethegovic was also flying to New York after being seen off ou his way to Sarajevo Airport by a small crowd chanting "Bosnia, Bos-

Mr. Sachs said U.N. Commander General Philippe Morillon, who has set up temporary headquarters in Srebrenica in a dramatic hid to press the Serbs to allow in aid, was due to have more talks later Tuesday with deputy Bosnian Serb army commander General Manojlo Milo-

vanovic Gen. Milovanovic gave pro-isional approval Monday for the UNHCR convoy of food and medicine for Srebrenica, packed with refugees from fallen Muslim towns, many sleeping rough, after talks with Gen. Morillon.

In Srebrenica itself the situation was reported to be deteriorating as refugees from fallen Muslim settlements in east Bosnia continued to flood in, many of

them wounded.
UNHCR official Larry Hollingworth told his colleagues over a ham radio link from Srebrenica that at least 600 refugees were sleeping rough on the ground at

night.
He told UNHCR spokesman Peter Kessler there were children in the streets, babies in their mother's arms and refugees wandering around in the cold without coats.

"He described the scene as Dickensian," Mr. Kessler said,

referring to scenes of poverty and deprivation in 19th-century Britain depicted by author Charles

Gen. Morillon has vowed to stay in Srebrenica until its future is secured.

In an interview with French TF-1 television after his talks Monday evening, be said: "I told them (the Serbs) that I had given my word that I would stay in Srehrenica not only until the first convoy gets through, but when I will consider that the population's security is no longer in danger."

Ms. Ogata was reported by an UNHCR spokesman Tuesday to have sent a message to Gen. Morillon praising him for his "courageous" stand in trying to help the people of Srehrenica.

U.N. officials and relief workers who have visited Srebrenica have reported harrowing scenes. Food is being parachuted into the area by U.S. aircraft, but there is no distribution system and only the strongest prevail in the scramble to find the aid pack-

Refugees are also forced to make a form of bread out of the cores of corn cohs mixed with buds from tree branches and berries. This often caused severe

pain or even death. Meanwhile Prince Charles arrived in this Adriatic port Tuesday to visit British troops serving with U.N. peacekeeping forces in Croatia and in Croat-occupied areas of embattled Bosnia,

U.N. had 45 days warning of attack on Vietnamese

PHNOM PENH (AP) — Ethnic Vietnamese villagers had told U.N. peacekeepers of threats by Khmer Rouge guerrillas 45 days before the guerrillas slaughtered 33 villagers, U.N. officials said Tuesday.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the peacekeepers responded by patrolling the village, but not enough to secure the area. Dennis McNamara, head of the

rights unit, said peacekeepers field to succeed Mulroney must begin day and night patrols must begin day and might patrols of threatened areas to deter attackers.

"These attacks cannot be allowed to continue," Mr. McNamara said. "There have to be some very serious efforts made by

Last Wednesday night, 10 men raided the village of houseboats in Siem Reap province in the northwest and fatally shot 33, ethnic Vietnamese, 14 of them children. Another 24 people were injured. It was the bloodiest attack on civilians since the U.N. mission began a year ago.

U.N. spokesman Eric Falt said Tuesday that two Cambodians idenofied by witnessed as Khmer Rouge guerrillas also were killed. Apparently, they were accidentally shot by fellow guerrillas during the attack.

U.N. officials previously had given slightly different accounts of the casualties.

Boast owners have told U.N. investigators that Khmer Rouge guerrillas forced them at gunpoint to take the guerrillas to the village for the attack.
Witnesses said some of the

attackers were Khmer Ronge uniforms.



Korean military exercises (AFP photo)

N. Korea rejects nuclear arms U-turn

TOKYO (R) - A defiant North Korea, suspected of covertly nuclear weapons, has poured scorn on those who urge it not to quit a nuclear coutrol pact and has threatened to react if Washington applies new press-

In a dispatch monitored Tuesday in Tokyo, Pyongyang's news agency said a senior ruling party official had justified the decision to pull out of the nulcear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as a counter to U.S.-led efforts to

force open secret military sites.

Communist North Korea's announcement Friday that it would leave the NPT heightened tensions on the Korean peninsu-

Pyongyang had already put its forces and civilian population on a "semi-war" footing in the face of joint U.S.-South Korean military manoeuvres below the bor-

Choe Tae-Bok, secretary of the Workers' Party Central Commit-tee, said calls by the United States and its allies for North Korea to go back on its NPT decision were ridiculous.

"If the United States puts new

pressure on us under the pretext of (the NPT pullout), ignoring our warnings, we will take a corresponding countermeasure, no matter what pressure it may be," Mr. Choe said in a statement issued by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

"The very ones who compelled us to withdraw from NPT by

OTTAWA (R) — A fourth States. cabinet minister bowed out of the Ms.

Conservative leadership race

Monday leaving Defence Minis-

ter Kim Campbell a virtually

open field to succeed Brian Mul-

roney and become Canada's first

Communications Minister Per-

rin Beatty announced that be had

no chance of winning and threw

his support behind the front-

"An unprecedented consensus

has developed that one potential

candidate, Kim Campbell, best

exemplifies the qualities that are

needed to lead our party and our

Ms. Campbell, 46, an out-

spoken lawyer and divorcee who

shot to the top of the Conserva-

tive Party in just five years, is expected to officially lannch her

campaign next week in her bome-

If she wins the party leadership

at a convention in June as ex-

pected Ms. Campbell would be-

town of Vancouver.

country."

woman prime minister.

making it impossible for us to fulfil our obligations under the treaty are now urging us to 're-consider' and 'revoke' the decision." he said.

This does not deserve even a passing note either from the logical or practical point of

South Korea said Tuesday it was considering asking the United States to leave behind some of the minitary forces now holding exercises in the South, a move certain to infuriate the leadership of the North.

"If it becomes necessary, (we are) seriously considering keep-ing on some of the U.S. forces currently taking part in the Team Spirit exercise," a Seoul Defence Ministry statement said.

The statement did not elaborate on South Korea's latest move to counter the growling of a defiant North Korea, which last week declared a state of "semiwar" and reneged on a global nuclear arms accord.

But news reports said Washington would be asked to delay the departure of Marines normally based on the Japanese island of Okinawa, taking part this month in the Team Spirit exercises.

The aircraft carrier Independence, F-117A Stealth and B-IB bombers currently deployed in South Korea would also be asked to stay on to boost the permanent garrison of 36,000 U.S. troops, ne reports said.

Canada's Campbell has open

The Team Spirit war games, involving more than 120,000

Ms. Campbell's progressive

views on social issues - pro-

abortion rights, pro-gun control
— caused her frictions with the

right-wing Conservative caucus as justice minister.

But since Mr. Mulroney's res-

ignation on Feh. 24, she has

emerged as the party's best hope

to recover from his unpopularity

and beat the opposition Liberals

in an autumn general election.

a poll Monday that showed ber

cruising towards a first-ballot vic-

tory at the leadership convention

backed by 38 per cent of the

party, far ahead of Finance

Minister Don Mazankowski, who

has eight per cent, and Environ-ment Minister Jean Charest with

Foreign Minister Barbara

McDongall and Employment Minister Bernard Valcourt

bowed out of the race over the

weekend. Trade Minister Michael Wilson announced he would not run 10 days ago ack-

five per cent.

MacLean's magazine published

troops from South Korea and the United States, are due to end Thursday, although it will take until the end of April for the last visiting U.S. forces to return

South Korea's Defence Minister Kwon Young-Hae said Tuesday the North was trying to hny

time to get rid on evidence that it was building nuclear arms. "We have confirmed that North Korea is hurriedly trying to obliterate evidence by clearing the test site of high explosives at

the agency," he said.
Foreigners have been barred from entering North Korea and most outside communications have been cut off.

Yongbyon prior to inspections by

President Kim Young-Sam urged the North Tuesday to think again about withdrawing from the NPT. "As president, I strongly urge North Korea to take back its withdrawal from the NPT and allow international nuclear in-

spections," Mr. Kim said.
U.S. President Bill Clinton said he was "very disturbed" by Pyongyang's move and hoped it would reconsider its withdrawal.

Ri Tchenl, Pyongyang's ambas-sador to the United Nations in Geneva, said Monday war could break out "at-any moment" with its southern neighbour.

South Korea, which says it has ruled out any military action, has put its 640,000 member armed forces on high alert. The two countries are still technically at

Mr. Charest is the only serious

potential contender left and was

expected to announce his deci-

sion Tuesday at his hometown in

But at 34 years of age, the

Some Conservatives fear Ms.

Campbell will veer off the course

of tight fiscal restraint plotted by

Mr. Mulroney and are urging Mr.

Mazankowski to run to counter

But Mr. Mazankowski, a for-

mer car dealer from Alberta, speaks no French, a big handicap

to winning an election in a coun-

try whose prime ministers have

come from French-speaking

Quebec for 24 of the last 25 years.

announce his decision later this

week, but he indicated he was a

"First of all, I don't speak French," he said. "Secondly, I'm

perceived as being part of the old

Mr. Mazankowski said he will

Ms. Camphell's meteoric rise.

hilingual Quebecker is considered too young to win the lead-ership this time round.

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eastern Quebec.

Entrepreneur gambies on royal flush

NEW YORK (R) - A Dallas. husinessman smells opportunity in the troubles of Britain's royal family and hopes to capitalise with a new set of trading cards Victor Shaffer, president of company called Press Pass, said the cards, to hit the market soon, are the first to be devoted to the lives of Britain's royals. The I10-card royal family collection will feature photos and illustrations depicting incidents from the lives of the royals with tabloid-style copy. While some of the cards are a bit "saucy," Mr. Shaffer said the new cards will avoid sensational tabloid-style items.

'Jack the stripper' jailed for 12 years in Britain

LONDON (R) — A British sex attacker dubbed "Jack the stripper" who preyed on prostitutes in an English coastal town was jailed for 12 years. The court in Plymouth, southwest England, beard that 26-year-old Nicholas Harding, a trainee shop manager, waged an eight-month "campaign of terror" in which he raped and tried to strangle one of his victims. Two others were stripped. bound with tape and dumped in isolated areas, the court was told. Judge William Taylor, passing sentence, said: "I am in no doubt that you pose a significant danger to women." The nickname "Jack the stripper" recalls Britain's most famous serial killer. "Jack the ripper", who prowled the streets of London in the 1890s and was never caught.

Japanese buddhist monks open bar in Osaka

OSAKA (R) — A group of buddhist priests has opened a bar in western Japan to try to meet people shying away from religion. the daily Asahi Shimbun reported. The bar, which opened in December in the heart of Osaka's Minami entertainment district, is run by 15 Buddhist priests. Fumibiko Kiyoshi, the group's spokesman, said he and his fellow clergymen were dismayed at how Buddhism was no longer a part of people's lives in Japan. "Over the centuries, people drifted away from Buddhism," he said. "Since people no longer come to us, we thought we'd go to them. That's why we chose to set np shop here," he said. Over the counter, which seats eight people, custom or can chat with monks about religious or personal matters. An upstairs room is available for larger groups.

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Lawyers willing to plea- bargain in L.A. riot beating case

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Prosecutors and lawyers representing three men charged with the videotaped beating of a white truck driver during last spring's riots said Monday they are willing to formally discuss plea-bargains. Antoine Miller, Damian Wilhams and Henry Watson were charged with attempted premedi-tated morder in the April 29

attack on Reginald Benny. James Gillen, Mr. Miller's attorney, said outside court he might consider a deal involving an assault charge and a penalty of time already served in jail. The current charges carry life sent-

Attorney's for the other two and prosecutors also said they were willing to discuss plea har-

"The people have made no offer in this case," said Deputy District Attorney Janet Moore. "However, we remain open to any potential offers from the (defendants) and we are not closed. to any settlement."

Mr. Benny was pulled from his rig and beaten by several men

before being rescued by passershy. The bearing was recorded by TV news cameras.

The riots were sparked by the acquittal in a state court of four white police officers in the March 3. 1991 videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King. The four police officers are now on trial in federal court on

civil rights charges stemming from the beating. The prosecution case against the four white police officers in the Rodney King beating wound down Monday with witnesses cal-

led to suggest a cover-up of bru-

tality began with the first police report. A police traffic supervisor, Sgt. John Amott, testified that officer Laurence Powell's written report didn't match a videotape of the beating and omitted the names of civilian witnesses who might pro-

vide details. Sgt. Amott said the report also omitted the names of two passengers in Mr. King's car and didn't mention that Mr. King was kick-ed, stomped and cinbbed repeatedly after a traffic chase.

Defence attorneys, meanwhile, filed motions with the judge seeking immediate acquittal of the policemen on grounds that the government has not proved deral civil rights charges.

Sgt. Stacey Koon's attorney, Ira Salzamn, said prosecutors failed to prove "malicious" or "sadistic" intent to violate Mr. King's civil rights. The March 3, 1991, beating of

the black motorist was videotaped by an amateur camcraman who offered it to a TV news programme. Sgt. Amort said that when he saw the tape he noticed it did not match officer Powell's report submitted hours after the bearing.

"I didn't think what I saw on the tape was reflected in the report," Sgt. Amott said, noting he reported the conflict to detectives assigned to investigate the use of force. -

Portions of the report read to jurors showed that Officer Powell depicted Mr. King as a hostile, charging suspect exhibiting bizar-re behaviour associated with the drug PCP.
"The defendant was unable to

"long shot."

answer questions about what happened and was hostile. His hostile demeanor condinued for approximately an hour," the report said of his arrival at Los Angeles County (USC) Medical Centre.

But nurse Martha Esparza testified before Sgt. Amout took the stand that she interviewed Mr. King when he arrived at the jail ward of the hospital and found him "calm and cooperative." She said he told her he had been

Other medical witnesses also described Mr. King as calm and coherent.

Sgt. Amott said that neither Officer Powell nor his partner, officer Timothy Wind, asked for a blood or urine sample from Mr. King to detect any drugs or alco-

The symptoms of PCP intoxication have become central to the officer's federal trial because the defendants say they presumed Mr. King was on the drugs and thus was dangerous.